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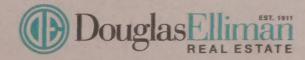
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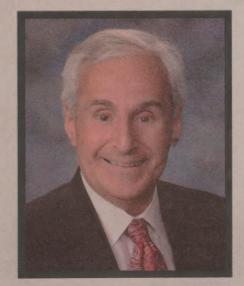


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David Burtka

Life is a Party, in the spring of 2019. The book is a spinoff from his 2016 Food Network special, Life's a Party with David Burtka, which won a Telly Award and 1st Prize at the New York Film and TV Awards. The cookbook will showcase Burtka's expertise in preparing delicious

recipes and in celebrating a variety of occasions with guests. Burtka also resides in Manhattan with his husband, Neil Patrick Harris, and their twin children, Harper and Gideon. See page 30 for more.

Two days after the passing of her greatgrandmother Barbara Bush, fashion designer Lauren Bush Lauren and her husband, David Lauren, welcomed their son Max. David Lauren is the son of Montauk fashion designer Ralph Lauren and an executive vice president of global advertising at Ralph Lauren. Lauren Bush Lauren is the granddaughter of former President George H.W. Bush and Barbara Bush, and daughter of Neil Bush. David and Lauren Bush Lauren have another son, James, age 2.

Amagansett's Scarlett Johansson and singersongwriter Pete Yorn have paired up again. The duo, who collaborated for Break Up in 2009, reunited for Apart, an album featuring four new songs and a fresh take on Yorn's 2016 hit, "Tomorrow." They shared a video for Scarlett Johansson



"Bad Dreams," the album's first single, last week. The full album drops June 1.

Along with Shawn Mendes, Water Mill's Jennifer Lopez performed at the 2018 Time 100 gala at New York's Lincoln Center on April 23. The gala celebrates Time's annual list of the 100 most influential people in the world. Actress Kerry Washington paid tribute to Lopez in Time, telling the magazine, "She is an undeniable force and a powerful example—not just for women of color but for anyone who has been made to feel 'other' and for everyone who carries the burden and the privilege of being a first." (Continued on page 27)





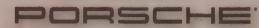














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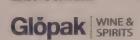


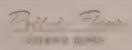






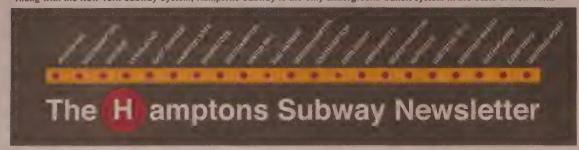
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Special Prosecutor Robert Mueller was seen sitting on the subway Thursday morning heading west from Westhampton Beach to Quiogue reading a thick document. Some of the straphangers were trying to look at it over his shoulder. Billy Joel was spotted boarding the subway in Bridgehampton on Saturday morning, bound for Sag Harbor.

HELL

Three subway workmen, jackhammering through a concrete floor in the tunnel between Southampton and Water Mill Wednesday, appear to have broken into Dante's Inferno. Although ultimately overcome by heat, they were able to get out and report what appeared to be the Fifth Circle of Hell. Those guilty of wrath were seen fighting with one another on both the surface and in the fiery waters of

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COMMISSIONER ASPINALL'S MESSAGE

The Commissioner has not been seen since Tuesday. On Monday, armed officers from ICE visited his private office in the penthouse of the Hamptons Subway building on Hampton Bays, and were seen leaving with two officers carrying a very large burlap sack. No one knows what was in the sack, but the Commissioner was gone after ICE left and there is speculation that his early life experience of having come here as an undocumented alien when a baby named Carlos Manana, which was soon changed to Bill Aspinall, may have had something to do with it. We hope so. He is a hard man and not many people like him.



COMPILED BY DANIEL KOONTZ

COLD WEATHER STALLS DRESS CODE ENFORCEMENT Officials in Sag Harbor, responding to the ongoing cold temperatures, have decided to suspend enforcement of the village's summer dress code. "The code is meant to go into effect annually on April 15," says Peter Young, Chief Dress Code Coordinator for the village. "We realize that that's early, but we figured that if it coincided with Tax Day people would remember it. And usually it's a lot warmer by that date!" The summer dress code stipulates that all residents and visitors to Sag Harbor should be dressed casually, and forbids the wearing of such garments as sport coats, neckties, formal

winter coats, fur coats, and dress slacks. As Young notes, the Sag Harbor summer dress code is designed to sustain a relaxed, fun vibe in the quaint old whaling village. "Sag Harbor is the un-Hampton, right-and we take our role quite seriously. We do not hesitated to arrest and remove from our streets individuals who violate our cool, casual standards. And we will continue to do so, make no mistake. However, right now the rules are on hold while the temperatures remain unseasonably low." Young notes that several arrests did take place over the course of last week pertaining to the dress code before the decision to suspend enforcement was reached. "Our code enforcement officers did find several violations," says Young. "Under the authority of the summer dress code, which had yet to be suspended, they arrested four individuals." While Young concedes that, since at the time temperatures were hovering in the 45° range, with an icy wind blowing in from the harbor, the suspects were arrested, in effect, for the offence of dressing for the weather, he still defends his department's actions. "Our officers administer the law without fear or favor," Young says. "The arrested individuals will have their chance to present their cases before our tribunal." Young says his department will resume enforcement of the code on May 1.

BLIND MAN'S BLUFF

Showing the lengths some people will go to in order to avoid cleaning up after their dogs, a Southampton man was taken into custody on Friday after it was determined that he was faking being visually disabled and pretending that his dog was a service animal. "The suspect is well known in the neighborhood," says Hamptons Police spokesman Larry Hirsch. "He wears dark glasses and his dog precedes him wherever he goes. He never cleans up after the dog, but we always gave him a pass because we thought he couldn't see. But it turns out he's not actually blind." The discovery of the suspect's fraud came when he made the mistake of looking at his smart phone on a recent walk. Not smart. The suspect remains in custody.

Read more Hamptons Police Blotter on DansPapers.com.



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Spring Fling 2018 at the Parrish Museum in Water Mill

Spring was certainly in the air last Saturday night at the Parrish Art Museum's Spring Fling, the annual benefit helps support the Museum's education programs for children. What a night of meeting friends and connecting with the community—the live music of NOIZ kept everyone on the dance floor and Elegant Affairs supplied wonderful catering.

Photographs by Carole Blankman Ginsburg



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Amy Cherry-Abitbol, Pierre Abitbol, Director of Parrish Art Museum, Terrie Sultan and Christopher French



Jeff Muhs, Tisha Collette, Beth McNeill

Katy's Courage 8th Annual 5K Run in Sag Harbor

The Katy's Courage 8th Annual 5K Run was held on Saturday, April 21 in the beautiful village of Sag Harbor. Proceeds from this year's race go toward local scholarships and to support the newly formed partnership: Katy's Kids @ CMEE Center for grieving children and their families. Photographs by Barbara Lassen









Carmenza Gonzalez
2. First place female runner,
Tara Farrell
3. First place overall and first place
male runner Ryan Fowkes
4. Katy's father Jim Stewart
5. Tony O'Flaherty, Katy's aunt
Cathy O'Flaherty, Katy's
grandmother Mary Collins

1. Cielo Garcia, Katy's babysitter

John Landis Celebrates 70th

Chairman of the WPPB board and bon vivant extraordinaire John Landis celebrated his 70th birthday in style last Sunday, April 22, in a tent next to Bay Burger in Sag Harbor with two bands, family and several hundred of his closest friends. Attendees were transported to a trippy, hippie place (via stationary VW bus) where the sun shone and music played all day. **Photograph by Stacy Dermont**



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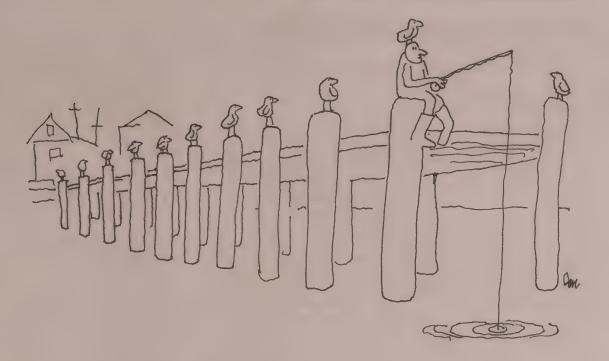
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Sticker Time

Hampton Township Announces New Gull Permit to Increase Revenues

BY DAN RATTINER

ring is the time of year to get your permits to enjoy the Hamptons. There are permits needed for driving beachfront at county parks. There are permits needed for East Hampton Main Beach, Coopers Beach in Southampton, Indian Wells and Atlantic in Amagansett, and other permits for things in Bridgehampton, Southampton Village, Hampton Bays and Westhampton Beach. Some are for parking, others are for beach cabanas. There are permits needed for large parties held in your home, and for rentals and signage, even permits for filming documentaries or movies on public property. There are fishing permits, duck-shooting permits, and they come from villages, towns, counties, states and federal officials. There are red ones, orange ones, blue ones, green ones, yellow ones and brown ones.

The income from permits enables officials to pay the ever-increasing costs of running a summer resort. Salaries are a big item, particularly for summer police and the ordinance inspectors who give out summonses for those failing to have the right permits.

This year, Mayor Anderson of Hampton Township has announced a new kind of permit never offered before. He said revenues have been lagging expenses. He's had to

Beginning May 1, seagulls will be required to buy permits for dock piling perching. Until now, they've been doing this for free. Now it will cost. Each piling will be rented for the full season, from May 1 to October 1, for \$375. (Having daily permits would be a nightmare.) Only one seagull and his immediate family will be allowed to sit on a piling, and only one piling will be allowed per family. There will be no hogging the pilings. Pick the one you want and it's yours for the summer. You also have first dibs on that piling for next year.

Purchasing seagulls must list all the individual members of their family. A tiny beige tag with the piling number will be attached to one leg of each of the family's seagulls, and a number corresponding to the tag will be attached to the piling top that matches the number on the tag permit. It will be theirs for the season. Those perching without the matching tag will be issued summonses—\$50 for first offense, \$100 for second offense and \$300 for all further offenses. Scofflaws after a third summons can be sentenced to 30 days in a birdcage. This will give them the opportunity to sit and think about this.

Bill Wilkerson, who owns a marina in Hampton Bays, lauded this new law as a boon to the dock areas of that town, and also for Sag Harbor and Montauk.

"It's about time someone took the bull by the horns," he said, noting that the town intends to install many more dock pilings to accommodate what they expect will be a rush for these permits.

"This is not an attempt to provide something for a privileged few," the Mayor said. "No one will be turned away and we will be installing as many as are needed." The mayor is a Democrat.

A spokesman for the ASPCB, which is an offshoot of the ASPCA, said "wrapping a permit around any bird's leg is an interference in the natural order and could cause either crooked flying or unnecessary crashes by these birds."

A spokesman for the Animal Behavior Institute said the interruption of the longstanding tradition of "the strongest gets the piling and the weakest has to look elsewhere," could be detrimental to seagull pecking order rules.

A spokeswoman for the Anti-Discrimination League said that "offering up private piling tops for just one species will cause permanent emotional damage to other species. This is wrong, any way you look at it.'

A spokesperson for the Real Estate Board of the Hamptons said they have a wait-and-see attitude about this. "On the one hand, more dock pilings could spoil some of the previously unobstructed homeowner water views. On the other, there could be a great influx of billionaire bird watchers. And they will be needing homes.'

Some permits have already been issued to early birds who have an "in" at town hall. They get to choose their desired piling first, as

Meanwhile the Hamptons is looking into tag permits for turkeys, osprey, eagles and swans.



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Trump May Avoid Embarassing Kim in Mongolia Meeting

BY DAN RATTINER

here will Donald Trump and Kim Jong-un meet? The matter is still under discussion and will probably be decided by the fact that Kim Jong-un has only one very old airplane at

You will recall that two weeks ago when Kim went to Beijing to visit Xi Jinping, the leader of China, he took a train. It would have been a three-hour flight if he had flown, but that one airplane, a Russian Ilyushin Il-62, is suspect. He's never used it. So he goes everywhere by train. Indeed, he has put armor around his private train for when he travels. That's his train. It slows it down, but it's safe and it still gets you there—he got to Beijing, for example, in 25 hours.

Well, nobody wants to embarrass Kim.

This is why it appears the meeting place might be in the capital of Mongolia, Ulan Bator. Mongolia has offered to host. It's near enough. Kim could get there on his train in 46 hours. That might work.

That old Russian aircraft might have connections with the Hamptons. Andy Sabin of Amagansett has for many years traveled all over the world by plane, conducting business. He owns a big factory in upstate New York that takes in scrap metal and chemical waste from factories around the world and reprocesses it to extract the gold, platinum and other metals and minerals that can be used for other

purposes. It's an industrial operation, but it is also recycling.

In the late 1980s, when the Soviet Union was going through the hard time that eventually caused it to collapse, the only way that he could travel behind the Iron Curtain to meet with factory owners was on Aeroflot, the Soviet airline. Andy had been on Aeroflot jets for many years by then. The Ilyushin Il-62 was one of them. But now, in 1989, the Soviets were having trouble getting spare parts and there were occasional reports of Aeroflot planes crashing. But he still had to get around. It was very dicey.

"I'd read about things like this in the papers," he told me. "One plane ran off the runway as it was coming in for a landing. Turned out that during an earlier maintenance check they found they were out of brake fluid. So they tried lemonade.

"Then this happened to me personally. About 150 of us were led out onto the runway to board an Aeroflot jet bound for Leningrad. The plane taxied out to one end of the runway and turned around. There the pilot revved up the engines like pilots always do, but in this case, he revved up the engines a second time. Then he came on the public address system.

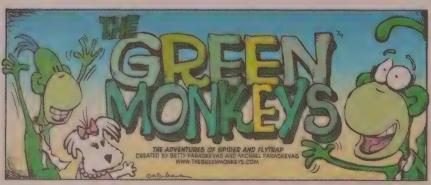
"'I don't like how these engines sound,' he said. 'We're going back to the terminal so I can get another plane.' And he did. So we all got off the airplane and waited inside for a while, while they took this plane away and wheeled up another one. Then we all boarded that one.

"Again, we went down to the end of the runway and the pilot turned the plane around. He revved up the engines, and then he revved them up a second time. We figured he was just being sure. But then he came on the PA system again. 'I liked the other plane better,'

"I don't like how these engines sound," he said. "We're going back to the terminal so I can get another plane."

"Well, when he got back to the terminal, we all got off that one and then every one of us would not get on the other one. The flight was cancelled. That was all they had."

Shortly after Andy told me this story, the Soviet Union collapsed, and it was now possible to fly Boeing commercial jets throughout the former Soviet Union. But Andy had something better for a while. In one of the former Soviet states-Kazakhstan, I think it was-the new president of that country presented Andy with a medal for the service he was providing for their scrap metal. And he also gave Andy the use of his private jet. Now that was a long time ago and I don't know what came of it. But maybe that's the one that Kim doesn't want to try flying in to meet Trump.











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BY DAN RATTINER

SHORT STORY VENDING MACHINES

A French company called Short Edition has installed vending machines throughout Europe that, at the press of a button, spit out a scroll of paper upon which a short story has been printed. There's a button for one minute, three minutes or five minutes. That is the reading length. Choose one. Keep it. It's free.

Now they are in the United States. More than 30 vending machines are up in universities, restaurants, transportation hubs and government offices. Two months ago, more were installed in public libraries in Philadelphia; Akron, Ohio; Columbia, South Carolina; and Wichita, Kansas. This past month, four were installed in downtown West Palm Beach. I imagine we will have one here soon.

The source for each story is a mainframe computer somewhere from which you randomly get one of 100,000 original compositions selected by judges at Short Edition, which holds various writing contests. Lots of people love the written word in all its forms, including me. We've now begun accepting entries into the Seventh Annual Dan's Papers \$10,000 Literary Prize for Nonfiction competition. The contest closes the first week of August, and winners will be announced on August 23 at the gala Dan's Papers Literary Festival at Guild Hall in East Hampton. I'm also going to try to have our contest entries be considered for Short Edition.

For 2018 Dan's Papers Literary Prize info, go to DansLitPrize.com.

Here's my one-minute story. Read slowly:

BALLPOINT PENS. Online continues its attacks. We continue to lay lonely in dark desk drawers everywhere. And it's getting worse. Writing longhand is no longer going to be taught. Our worldwide protestdrying up the ink so people had to scribble the ballpoint to bring it back to life—has gotten us nowhere. There's a meeting with the No. 2 Pencil Union next week. Their efforts, hardening all their erasers on the ends, came to naught too. We'll see what happens. Pass it on. Your Obedient Servant BPP3872421235.

WESTHAMPTON BEACH HIGH SCHOOL WINS

The Westhampton Beach High School FIRST Robotics Team 3171 is competing at the World Championships in Detroit from April 24–28 against entries from the U.S. and dozens of foreign countries. Westhampton Beach won that right at the Long Island Robotics Championship at Hofstra University two weeks ago. They built their robot from scratch in six weeks, as required. Their robot finds boxes, puts them onto a scale and then, at the end, climbs a tower.

Robots have lost a battle, too. Elon Musk, the head of Tesla, has announced that his decision to have an almost totally robotic assembly line build the Tesla Model 3 was wrong. His earlier Teslas, celebrated for their quality, were built by humans and robots together. The Tesla 3s have been rolling out. But over and over again, critics have complained about their quality. In addition, robotic breakdowns on the assembly lines caused them to produce only 500 cars a week instead of the expected 2,500.

Musk has been sleeping on a couch at the factory.

"It's production hell (and) worse than I thought," he told CBS. "We have this crazy complex network of conveyor belts and it was not working so we got rid of that whole thing."

He also tweeted: "Yes, excessive automation at Tesla was a mistake. To be precise, my mistake. Humans are underrated."

Wait a minute. He's human. It's the human making the mistake? Did he not just contradict himself?

AN IVY LEAGUE SWEEP

The valedictorian of East Hampton High School this year is Alexander "Nick" Sigua Pintado, and besides having the highest grades in the school he's now heard from seven of the eight Ivy League schools he applied to. He's been accepted at Harvard, Yale, Brown, Penn, Columbia, Cornell and Dartmouth. Princeton is pending. Seven of eight is a rare feat indeed, though several other East End kids have won seven of the eight over the years. It's also true that every such student, including this one, has been the son or daughter of immigrants. Well, we are all children or descendants of immigrants. Even The Donald.

If he gets into Princeton, Pintado will have achieved the "Ivy League Sweep," as it is known, an even greater feat. We await the news. Meanwhile, he's let it be known that Harvard has always been his dream. Come on, Princeton, make it eight. He's not going there. With a 3% acceptance rate in the Ivies, since you know Nick won't take up a space, help him get the sweep.

Adult with Rifle and Ammo at Hampton Bays High School

BY DAN RATTINER

Think it couldn't happen here? Last Tuesday a Hampton Bays man named Todd Tuttle, 46, was arrested outside the Hampton Bays High School for bringing a gun and ammunition onto school grounds. Prior to this, according to a Southampton Town Police statement, he has been accused of stalking a female employee at the school because of a dispute between two local families.

When he was seen watching a lacrosse game, school authorities called the police. They spoke with Tuttle and he told them he was there to watch his son play lacrosse, but according to the police, his son was not playing. On the other hand, it was found he was carrying a cartridge of ammunition for a rifle in his pocket, and, police found a rifle in his car. He was charged with a felony and two misdemeanors and pleaded not guilty. I don't know if he's posted bail. The next morning, however, the school proceeded with what they called a "modified lockdown."

Today, as I write this, children are walking the streets in towns around the country demanding that new laws be passed to protect them from people who want to shoot them. So far, new laws have not occurred. Some school boards have taken action. Teachers and coaches in certain schools carry weapons to class. (One of them at Parkland in Florida, where 17 people were killed last month, left his loaded pistol in a public restroom.) In Nassau

County, *Newsday* reports, there is a school that is requiring that all students entering the school carry clear plastic backpacks, which they provide. If there were weapons inside, they'd be visible.

I went to the East Hampton High School the other day to drop a package off. My younger sister went to this school, and all four of my children went to this school. Those were brighter days. You just went in the front door, went to class and got taught. Now the entrance is covered with an enclosed glass portico and a lockable door where, inside, an armed guard sits inside a small glass booth, observing everybody coming and going. There are patdowns. Guards. How can we not pass laws to protect these kids?

President Trump, after hearing from the kids at Parkland, promised he'd seize weapons from some people without due process and ban the stocks that make AR-15s into submachine guns. He said he would support new laws about who can get a license to carry a gun. Then the National Rifle Association (NRA) came to talk to him behind closed doors. After that visit, he backed away from the changes he had offered to make. What exactly did the NRA tell him? Mr. Trump is, among other things, a tough dude. Did they threaten to shoot him? What?

This morning, the day of the second March for Our Lives, I received an email from a man representing a group called Mature American Citizens. He calls for "rational" debate about gun control.

"The murder of innocent children in our nation's schools by mentally disturbed individuals cannot be tolerated," he writes. Well, less than 10% of our shooters are mentally disturbed. The others are either angry, bored, suicidal, terminally ill, religious nuts or, in the case of the Las Vegas shooter, none of the above and we have no idea what he was thinking but he's dead now.

The email says that repeal of the Second Amendment, which former Chief Justice Stevens recommends, "would be perhaps the first time in American history that our own government would be taking away a Constitutional right." There is nothing sacred about our Constitutional amendments. And repealing them has been done before. We passed the 18th Amendment in 1919 but then repealed it in 1933. And everybody drank to that.

Elsewhere in the email, the author points out that "nearly two thirds of the deaths by firearms in the U.S. were the result of suicides, accidents and legal interventions. Homicides amounted for only 33% of deaths." Wow. It's less than half of them.

And the so-called "right to bear arms" is totally misrepresented. It was intended to allow private citizens to form town militias, which would answer to your state legislature in time of national turmoil.

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BY DAN RATTINER

hadn't seen Alexa in about five years. She's about 10 now, and she's growing like a weed, but she's still as cute as ever. It was good to see her at the family reunion I went to in Pennsylvania.

"I go by Lexi, now," she told me. "It keeps things from getting confused with our kitchen robot."

I've been writing a lot about the new weather satellite that's now orbiting the earth. It's much more finely tuned than the old one, and it's been operational since March, after a kind of shaky start. I've made calls to NOAA, sent emails to them back and forth.

On my cell phone, now, I'm getting these new messages every day. I hadn't ordered them up. They just appear.

"The rain will begin at 3:46 p.m.," is the one today. "Continuing off and on over next half-hour. The rain will be light. See what's coming."

Bulletins about a hurricane or nor'easter I would understand. But a light rain? What do they want from me? Are they trying to show off? What?

I bought a new car to replace the old 2008 Tahoe I'd been driving. The new car, bought at Southampton Lexus, is a 2014 Lexus GX-160 that I got on a three-year lease. It has all the safety bells and whistles, has four-wheel

drive and goes on the beach. I love it.

After a few weeks, my wife began to talk about her getting a new car too. She's been driving a 2006 Mercedes station wagon, so I said I thought she should look into a Lexus. She wound up with a brand new Lexus SE sedan with even more bells and whistles than mine. It's a big deal getting new, or newer, cars. We hated the grille at first sight. Now we love the grille. When the cars face each other, they can kiss. We tell our friends about our new cars.

Since these two car purchases, comments, reviews and ads for where we can buy more Lexuses are appearing all over the place on our cell phones. This afternoon, I got one that read THE LEXUS SE IS NOT A WALLFLOWER ANYMORE. Yesterday I got a picture of a GX, the name of a car dealership near Patchogue, and the amount to pay for getting one on a three-year lease. How many Lexuses do they think we need?

I think you know where this is all going. Yes, you do.

But no, we don't have an Alexa in our kitchen eavesdropping on every conversation. I thought maybe the refrigerator is writing all this down. But no.

One more. I use Fitbit to monitor my exercise and workout routine. It also measures my heartbeat and sleep. Lately it's been behaving erratically. It would show I got eight hours of sleep, but later the next day if I took a nap, the nap time would appear but the all night sleep would be shortened to 7 hours and 10 minutes. Why would it do that? I called them. We tried a work around. Changed a setting. It still does it.

Now Fitbit ads are showing up on my cell phone all the time. Today's was a review of the new Fitbit Versa wristwatch, which they have put out to compete against the Apple Watch. Surprisingly—because it has not been highly thought of by many reviewers—this one thinks it's great, right on the money. It mentions the shortfalls written about elsewhere but says they are not important.

I think all this misbegotten personal attention is coming because of the reviews I am asked to fill out. They come onto my cell phone from Uber, wanting to know if I was satisfied with my last ride. Was the driver helpful? Was he courteous? Would I recommend him again? Or from a restaurant app like Open Table. Could you rate the restaurant please? Five stars is highest, no stars is lowest. How did you enjoy the Fettuccini Alfredo? Was the waiter courteous? Did you have red wine or white? If red, how did you enjoy the two glasses of Duck Walk Vineyards cabernet? Did you find the conversation you had with your guests about socialism amusing? What is your mother's maiden name? Was the sex toy you bought last Thursday satisfactory?

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Throughout April, Sexual Assault Awareness Month, The Retreat has put a particular focus on educating the public about this issue, but it's a battle The Retreat fights every day. And some of the facts are staggering:

- The vast majority of sexual assaults (more than 85%) are perpetrated by someone the victim knows—a family member, intimate partner or acquaintance.
- Men and boys can be victims of sexual assault as well as women and girls.

- Since January 1 of this year, 100,191 Americans have been sexually assaulted as of 1 p.m. on April 24, 2018 (up-to-the-minute statistics can be found at sane-sart.com).
- The Retreat's prevention education programs teach young people not only assert boundaries in intimate relationships but also to recognize and respect those boundaries.

To understand the sexual assault epidemic, Members of The Retreat's Teen Leadership Project see The Hunting Ground, a documentary about sexual assault on college campuses, which will be screened and followed by a panel discussion (including The Retreat staff) at East Hampton Library on Monday, April 30 at 6:30 p.m. The screening will include a "What You Were Wearing" exhibit of clothes individuals wore when they were sexually assaulted.

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Moving on: ABC news anchor George Stephanopoulos and his wife, Ali Wentworth, have sold their Southampton home. The property had been on the market for two years before being removed and relisted-with a \$1 million price drop—for \$5.995 million. Quogue resident Eli Manning scored a touchdown in the real-estate game. The New York Giants quarterback recently sold his waterfront condo in Hoboken, New Jersey for \$3.55 million—the most in the city's history. Manning called the 3,550-square-foot condo home from 2008 until 2016, when he moved his growing family to a larger house in Summit, New Jersey, Last year, the Mannings paid \$8.5 million for their South Fork getaway.

On the small screens: Quogue resident Michael J. Fox has returned to television in Designated Survivor. In the five-episode series, which kicked off last week, the beloved Back to the Future actor plays Ethan West, a Washington D.Ç. attorney investigating a former President's alleged leak of classified information. Designated Survivor airs Wednesdays at 10 p.m. on ABC. America Inside Out, a new docu-series hosted by East Hampton's Katie Couric, premiered on National Geographic last week. Couric appeared on ABC's The View to discuss the show, which follows the beloved journalist as she explores headline-making topics across the country. Shelter Island's Nathan Lane also swung by The View to chat about Tony Kushner's Angels in America, which just reopened on Broadway. Lane plays Roy Cohn in the new production, which is playing at the Neil Simon Theater through July 1. I Am Evidence, a documentary produced by East Hampton's Mariska Hargitay, debuted on HBO last week. The film follows four assault survivors whose proof of crimes committed against them went ignored for years. Tom Humbert, a Southampton resident and Director of Music and Liturgy at St. Rosalie Church in Hampton Bays, released his latest music video "Come Into The Light," performed by Martha Wash of The Weather Girls fame.

Blue Night, a new movie starring Amagansett's Sarah Jessica Parker, premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival last week. The film is Parker's first in three years, and tells the story of a popjazz singer who struggles after receiving bad medical news. Parker attended the premiere at Manhattan SVA Theatre and discussed the film afterward with director Fabian Constant.

South Fork fitness guru Tracy Anderson will receive The Spirit of (Continued on page 32)







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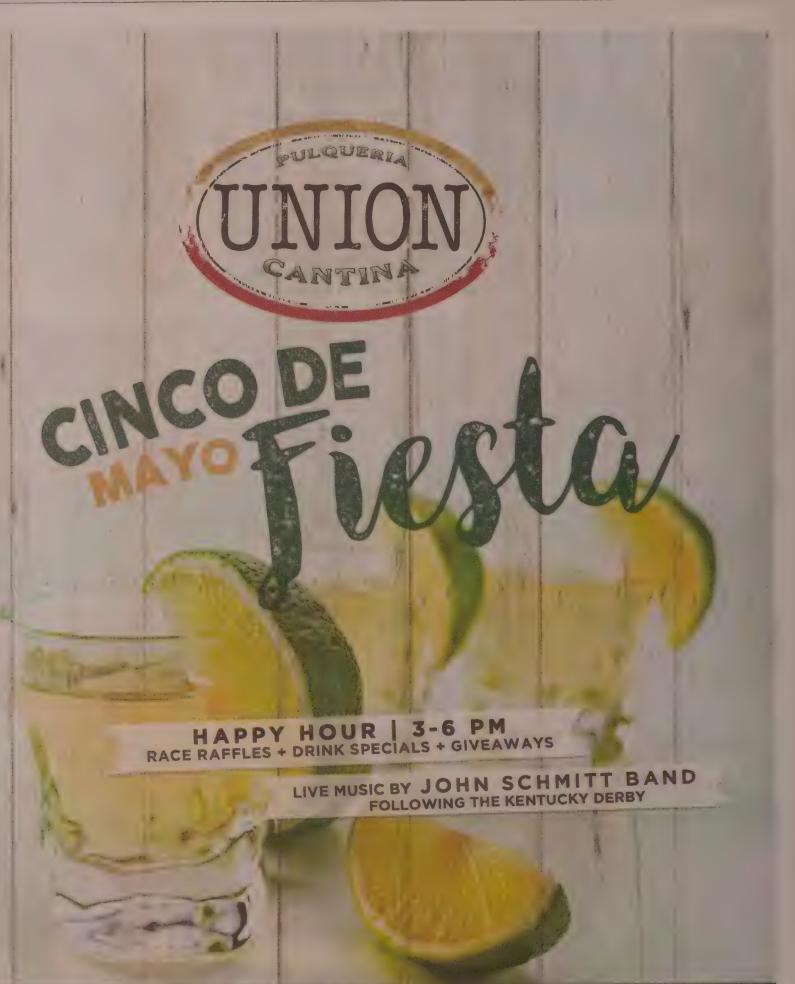
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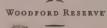
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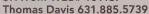
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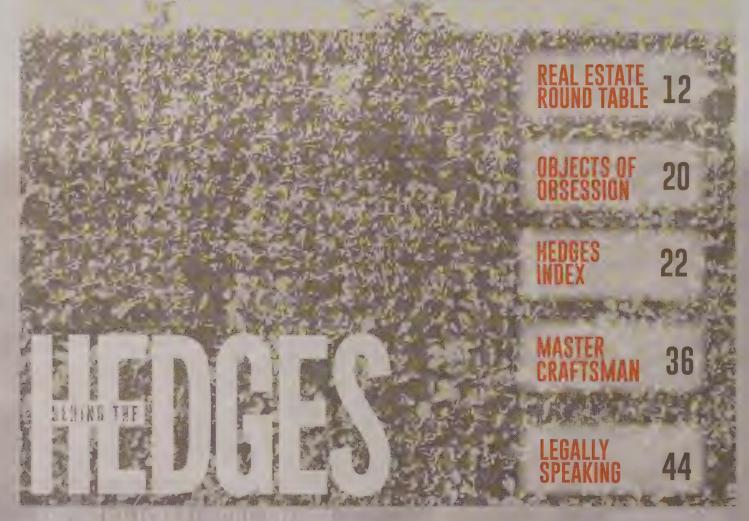
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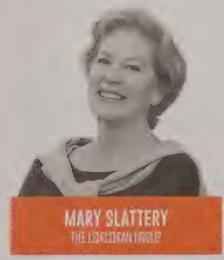


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Shinnecock Hills in Southampton continues to be on fire. Buyers feel that there is tremendous upside in that area. Being closer to NYC and with easy water access make this a very desirable area. But in general, I think 2018 is going to continue to be challenging at all price levels.



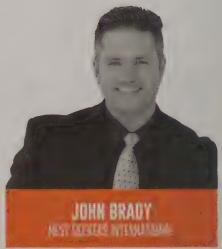
The biggest story I've seen so far is that summer rentals are outstanding. On the high end, it's the best market I've seen in 15 years. This may be because so many people bought in the lower echelon, so those homes are off the rental market. I've also seen that a lot of the people who formerly rented old estates south of the highway are now renting the new big homes north of the highway. In Farrell Court by Brightside Farm, we've had three people want to rent a house sight unseen. We don't do that, though. Right now, the house rental market is great, even though the season started late because of the weather.

Another trend I'm seeing is turnkey homes. New wins out over old every time. No one wants to get an old house and fix it up. I think because of the turmoil in the world now, people just want to have things easy and simple at home, with everything done for them.



I think 2018 will be a good year for real estate in the Hamptons. With a bit of a slowdown because of weather, things will continue to trade at a normal pace. Buying a home is a thoughtful process, not a reactionary event, and people love the life that they can have here. Sellers have become realistic and buyers are stepping up to the plate.

As for trends, more NYC families are making the Hamptons a primary residence if their work allows. The off season has been discovered and more people are taking vacations in June or September. Technology and new building materials have made it exciting for anyone with the time and energy to renovate an existing home.



I think that 2018 is going to bring some great opportunity to the Hamptons. The PGA will bring some new people to our area, which is great for local businesses and revenue. As for real estate, we all are noticing a lot of supply; this brings price reductions, market corrections and new people to the playing field. Whether you're a person breaking into the market or seasoned, there'll be enough for everyone. Sellers, as long as you've priced to reflect market expectations, you can count on your property being sold. As a real estate coach said to me before about a listing-dominated market, "It's a price competition and a beauty pageant."

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The high end is experiencing a nice bump-up, in my professional opinion, due to the stock market closing out 2017 with a 25% gain AND the new tax laws. For our clientele the new tax code is favorable—the corporate tax base is significantly reduced and so on. I believe at least the first half of 2018 will see more high- end sales than the past several years.



The West of the Shinnecock Canal real estate market continues to offer great values, especially in Hampton Bays, where inventory under \$700,000 is selling very quickly, at or close to asking price. Inventory is sorely needed in the under \$1 million market, and up to \$1.3 million, in the Westhampton Beach area. My colleagues and I lament, "There's nothing out there!" Highend luxury and waterfront homes in Quoque, Westhampton Beach and Remsenburg continue to offer amazing values compared to out east prices—as well as a much shorter commute from NYC.

The continuing trend of homeowners listing their rentals on Airbnb and VRBO.com has had a definite impact on the rental inventory and market. It will be interesting to see what happens if villages with strict rental laws start cracking down.



CAROL NOBBS

I think the very high end will see a lot of transfers. Billionaires are playing Monopoly. As for the mid-range, it will be stagnant unless sellers take a bath. The high end is going fast and the rental market is already ticking along.



Although we've seen our share of snow this winter, and while the city market takes a healthy breather first quarter, I'm seeing steady demand for Hamptons real estate in my niche north of the highway. Buyers looking for value and new construction still have good options given the lack of inventory. Older homes and underdeveloped properties offer buyers to create their own vison. And from the farm fields of Water Mill and Sagaponack North through Noyac to Bulls Head Bay, new construction is on the rise and in demand.



JOHN CHRISTOPHER

We had a slow start to the 2018 season, with the weather raising its wet snowy head on the weekends. But we have had some diehards looking to buy to be in their new homes by summer.

Shoppers are definitely price sensitive. As usual, listings need to be priced to sell. Those that are, are the ones being shown and offers being made. An interesting trend is the \$3 million and below market. People in this price range are weighing the new tax law as it relates to the secondary market. We have to see how this plays out as the year moves forward.

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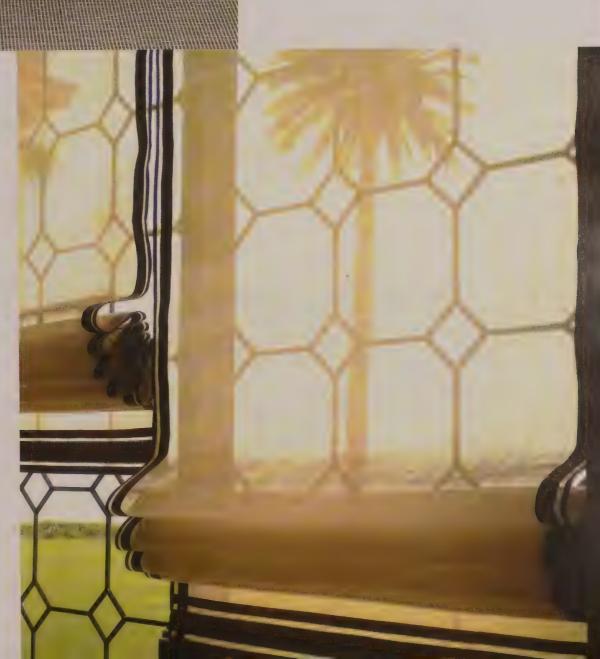


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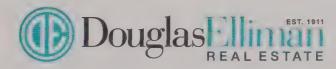
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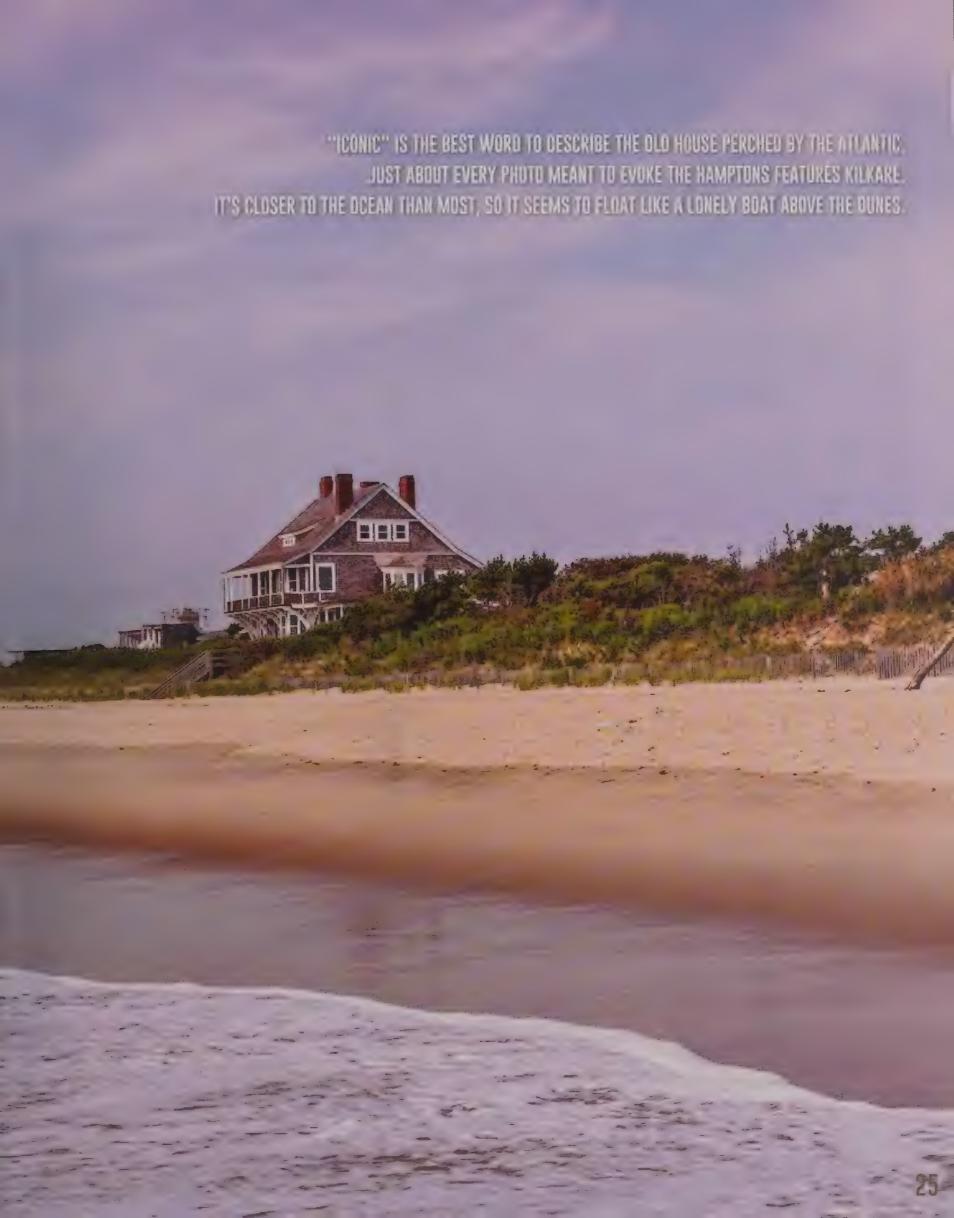
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Kilkare—the name is a Victorian whimsy, an Irish-sounding word meaning to "kill care"—has stood sentry between the Atlantic Ocean and Georgica Pond since 1877, a landmark for passing ships and beachgoers. It even survived the terrible hurricane of 1938. Many years of scouring sand and sea air have given the exterior a beautiful patina.

Indoors, time has stood still. The simple, old-fashioned furniture and sunbleached fabrics give the rooms the look of a faded black-and-white photograph, the only color coming from the blue ocean visible through every window, as if the clock stopped ticking decades ago and it's always summer. A visitor wouldn't be surprised to see a ghost, and in fact, owner Eleanora Kennedy says that the ghosts of original owners Camilla and Jonathan Edwards were there when she arrived. "They watched to protect the house from the sea. They stayed until we built the sturdy stone revetment under the dune, then they departed happily."

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The ocean is ever vsible through 80 windows and from many porches

In 1877 Camilla and Walter Edwards commissioned a shipbuilder to construct Kilkare in Georgica Settlement. This small patch of the Hamptons was founded in the late 1800s by about 20 academics—mostly New Englanders associated with Yale—who wanted a private place to think, read, write and play sports without outside interference. Now called the Georgica Association, the area still has just one road in and out, which is guarded. Camilla and Walter Edwards were New Yorkers, but Walter was a direct descendant of Jonathan Edwards, a New England Puritan philosopher and thinker.

Evidence that the couple used boat builders to carry out the construction is everywhere, from ships' knee braces to the built-in furniture in almost every room. The house took nearly two years to finish. And for nearly a hundred years after that, the Edwards family enjoyed summers at Kilkare, including the weekly baseball games and sailboat regattas for the children offered by the Georgica Association.

It was a stormy, foggy day in 1975 that the current owner, Eleanora and her late husband, Michael Kennedy, first saw Kilkare. In fact, the real estate agent had to convince them that the ocean was only 50 feet away from the house's southern deck, so thick was the fog. Eleanora says, "When I was a young girl my dream was a house by the sea, a man I revered who deeply loved me, and a daughter. Entering the driveway on a foggy, damp, cold February day I saw Kilkare in the mist and knew all my dreams would come true. It was love at first sight: much the way I felt when I met my husband, Michael." The house had been vacant for a while, so wind and water got in and caused damage. The Kennedys promised the seller, Kitty Edwards, that they would not compromise its essential character.

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The beautiful pool is surrounded by a drystone wall







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The restoration and conservation of Kilkare began in 1976. Woodwork was stripped and polished; the plaster walls, which use sand as an aggregate, were retained whenever possible. The ceiling of each room has a different pattern in thin strips of molding; each was dismantled and recreated in the original design. The house originally had no kitchen on the main floor (servants worked in the lower level), so a butler's room and pantry were transformed into an eat-in kitchen. Two bathrooms were another addition. (The house now has seven bedroom and seven and a half baths.) Everything was done as conservatively as possible, with the least possible change to the layout and the fabric of the house.

Many of the original furnishings were kept; newer pieces are of Anglo-Indian design with caning of mildew-resistant hemp. There are also some pieces of 1970s modern cement furniture by John Dickinson to provide a contrast. Yet all are in keeping with the natural color of sand and earth.

The dining room table is very long, necessary to accommodate many guests for dinner. At Kennedy dinners, shells serve as place cards, and they're piled, labeled with names, on the dining room mantel. Upstairs, the floors are bare. Vintage linens dress old four-poster and wicker beds.

Of course, a house this perfect has starred in many films, most notably the cult favorite *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* (which implied the house is in Montauk), *Interiors* by Woody Allen, and even *The Nanny Diaries*.

But even perfection has an end date. With the death of Michael Kennedy in 2016, summers at Kilkare for the family are drawing to a close. The house is for sale. It can only be devoutly hoped that the new owners—who will be only the third family ever to call this magical place their home—will love and cherish the spot as well as the Kennedys have. As Eleanora says, "We spent 40 plus years at Kilkare making memories in a house that is filled with love, friendship and miracles. I hope the new residents will make their dreams come true too."

--- Laura Euler

Views are endless from the front porch





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A 1920 FISHERMAN'S COTTAGE ON OLD MONTAUK HIGHWAY IN MONTAUK IS HOME TO A LOCAL WRITER AND TWO CHILDREN. IT'S THE REPOSITORY NOW OF MANY HAPPY FAMILY MEMORIES.

The owner remembers many blissful summers spent running around the brambled dunes in front of the house as a child, when her great-grandmother owned a cottage a few doors away. That cottage is still there, but "sadly not for sale," the owner laughs. She felt lucky to be able to create similar memories nearby with her own children.

The owner bought the house, along with her then-husband, in 1999, in a distressed state:. The original kitchen had been updated only with a chocolate brown fridge in the Brady Bunch era. Mold grew on the original paneled walls. But she adored the old kitchen sink, the builtins, the view of the Atlantic Ocean from the sunroom. Years of gentle renovations and upgrades took place "as lightly as possible to preserve the character of the place," she says.

Outside, a string of old lobster buoys found on nearby beaches enliven the exterior's weathered shingles. A gravel path leads to a slate porch. Styled with an old tree stump, an anchor mat, ship's rope, and the chair that used to be used by the daughter of the house as a toddler, the vignette hints at the nautical style within.

The blue kitchen, says the owner, was designed to complement her Cornishware collection. Cornish Kitchen Ware is iconic blue-and-white banded pottery made in England by TG Green. Collectors vie wfor rare names—Soap Flakes, Gravy Salt, Fish Dripping—from the 1930s and 40s. Housing the Cornishware is a c. 1780 stripped-pine kitchen dresser, made in Yorkshire, England, and shipped over by the owner.

In the back of the pine dresser is a platter from Syracuse China's Montauk Lighthouse design. It was made circa 1954 and is quite rare now. A bright green painted table is the kitchen's focal point. Above it, on the wall hangs 1910-era metal household lists. The owner loves old kitchenalia. "I love the idea of having these homey, humble pieces from the past on display," she says.

At the bottom of a staircase hangs part of a collection of vintage Montauk ephemera, including a 1960s map from White's that she remembers always hanging in her grandmother's house, and the "Boring Montauk Motel Postcard" assemblage. "It's a tossup which of these 1960s motels looked the most dreary inside and out."

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Pops of color come from the many nautical style antiques, as well as the 1962 Gibson.

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In the living room, a vintage dhurrie is anchored by an old ship's crate used as a coffee table. A Maypole Dairy jug holds flowers, another piece of vintage kitchenalia.

The sunroom's wicker sofas and chairs were originally designed by Gustav Stickley. Their simple clean lines are more appropriate to a seaside setting than elaborate Victorian designs.

In the master bedroom, a lamp made from a ceramic bust of a spaniel sits atop a Federal-style dresser. (An antique handed down by a family friend.)

Beside the bed frame ("From IKEA, painted by me!" says the owner) sits a nightstand unencumbered by a table lamp. Instead, a brass sconce, shaped like a fishing lure, hangs off the white painted wall.

A walnut dressing table by Berkey & Gay, circa 1910, was given to the owner as a Valentine's gift many years ago. It's is paired with a spindle-back chair and dressed with a tarnished silver ewer.

The cheery guest room features twin beds and a ship-light-turned-lamp shaded by a coastal scene. The night table matches that in the master; it's yellow "because that was my daughter's favorite color at the time."

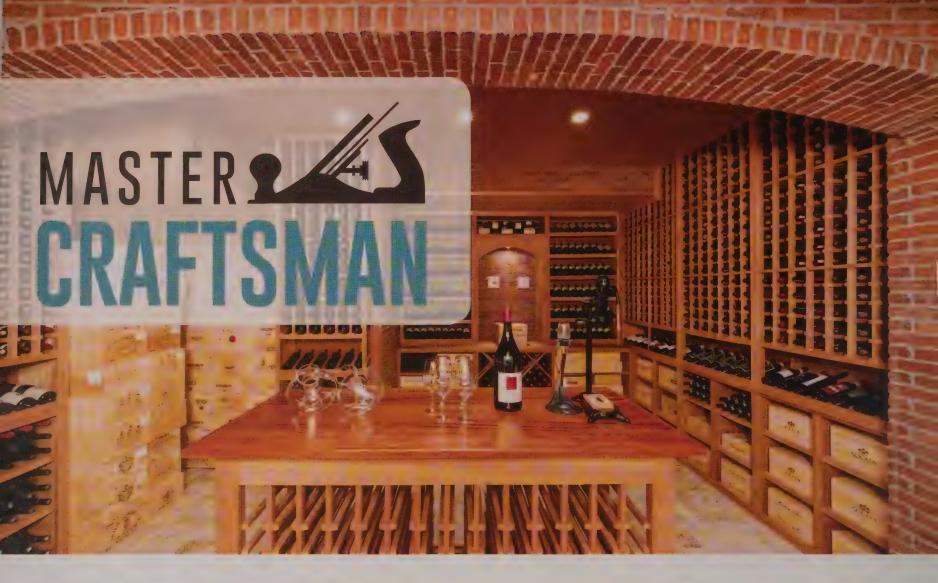
Layers of history, well used and distressed antiques, and fond summer memories make for a memorable interior. — Laura Euler



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Kline says, explaining that while they do all sorts of projects, Joseph & Curtis is known for designing and building wine cellars that go far beyond simple function.

"High-design cabinets are very much a focal point," he adds. "It's as much a statement as it is anything else."

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changing innovations and a relentless dedication to their craft. Found in homes and businesses throughout the East End, their wine cellars run the gamut from traditional to ultra-modern, with an array of unique materials rarely found elsewhere.

But like all great things, Joseph & Curtis started small.

"It was just the equivalent of a hobby for me," Kline says, noting that he made furniture in his spare time when he wasn't working as a trader for Dahl's NYC firm in the late 1990s. After the two forged a friendship and began dining together with their spouses, he showed Dahl a custom wine rack he made for his wife using wood and copper rods.

It was like nothing Dahl had ever seen and, once Kline convinced him he actually made it, the future partners realized they could combine Kline's designs with Dahl's business savvy and begin selling custom wine racks to other wine enthusiasts. "Little by little, we started getting people responding to them," Kline says. "It was as much a piece of art as it was wine storage."





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Some two decades later, the merging of art and utility still defines Joseph & Curtis, though the business has expanded from elegant racks to massive, climate-controlled cellars housing thousands of bottles for some of the country's wealthiest and most discerning collectors.

"Just about any style you can imagine, we've designed and built," Kline says, pointing out that today both he and Dahl design cellars for Joseph & Curtis. "We both wear a lot of hats."

Once the racks were selling briskly, customers began asking them to create entire rooms featuring their unique aesthetic. "It was a learning curve," Kline confirms, but they teamed up with an experienced "old-time refrigeration guy," who's since retired, to learn climate control techniques, and they've never looked back.

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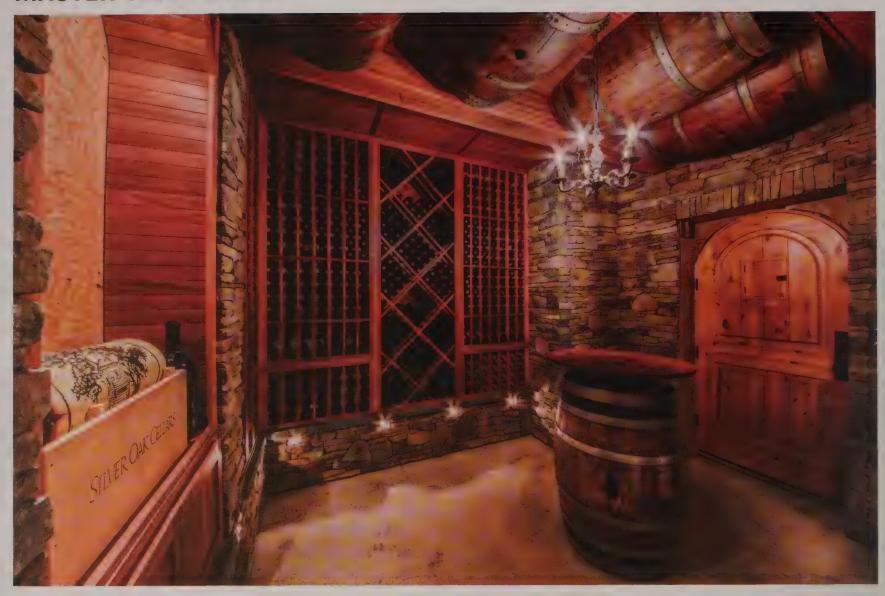
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Whether they're building wine features for top-tier restaurants or small private cabinets, Kline and Dahl's clients ask to be wowed. They regularly incorporate materials rarely seen in even some of the finest cellars and cabinets. "They want something no one else has," Kline says.

As a result, the duo use steel with various hand-applied patinas, dramatic LED lighting to create glowing panels of glass and acrylic, and unusual hardwoods, such as Australian jarrah and African wenge or binga. "We use a lot of exotics," Kline says.

He recalls a recent job where the customer asked for "the Rembrandt or Picasso of wine cellars" installed in his Fifth Avenue apartment. Kline and Dahl put together a stunning three-panel room between two walls of black stone and two walls of glass. Things became complicated when the client asked for one glass wall to be seamless, which proved difficult, considering the glass wouldn't fit inside the building's elevators or stairwells.

Joseph & Curtis ended up renting a crane and working with the city to get permits to hoist the solid, tempered glass panel into the building, at no small expense to the customer. "They had to close part of 5th Avenue," Kline says, but the final product was magnificent. Lit from above by LEDs, "the whole panel glows," he adds proudly.

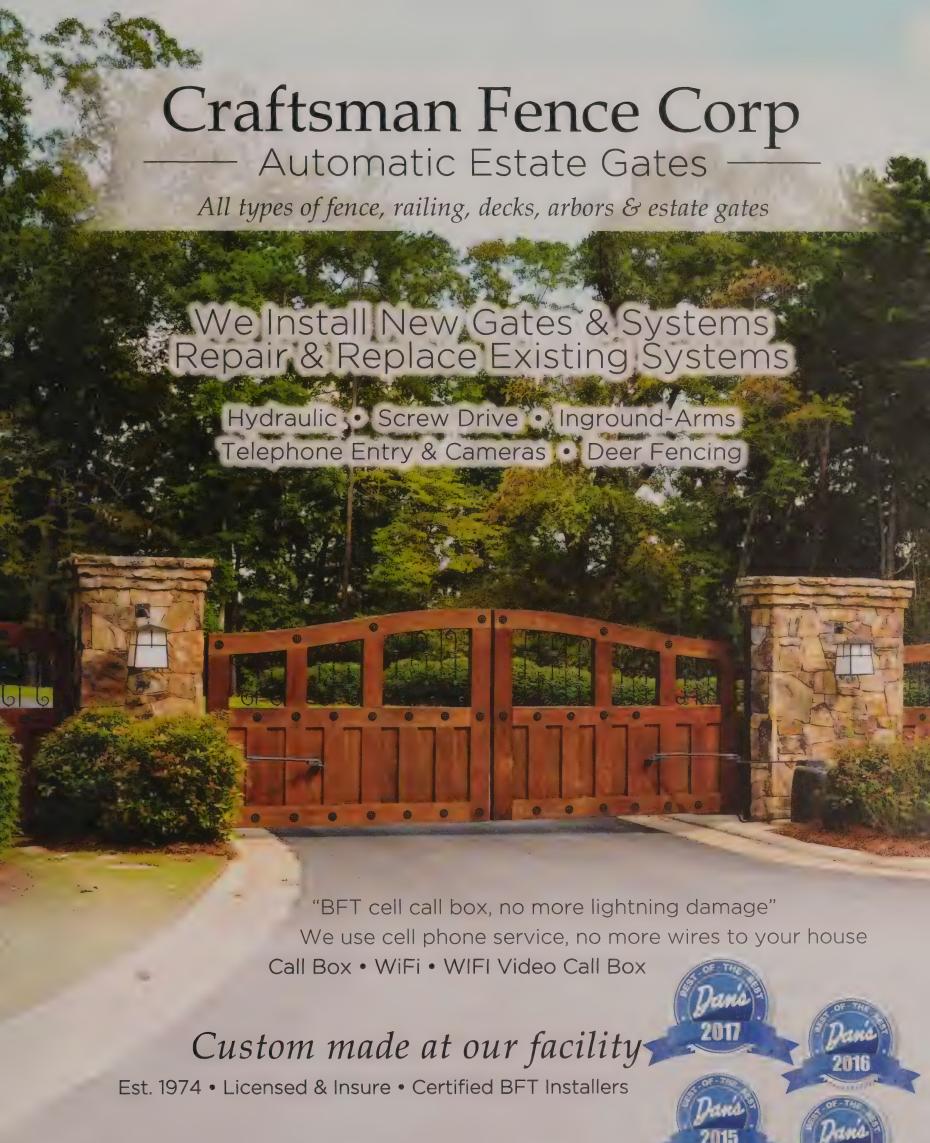
"There's every type of customer," Kline says, pointing out that Joseph & Curtis work with interior designers and homeowners with very specific ideas, while others tell them to take charge, only requesting that Kline and Dahl do something amazing.

Both men are constantly working on new designs and breakthroughs, from "stupid little hand drawings on a napkin" to realistically rendered 3-D isometric drawings on their proprietary software.

And no matter how big the business gets, "Curt and I still go to these houses and meet these people," Kline says. "We're extremely hands-on."

Of course, the job doesn't end once the cellar is built. Joseph & Curtis also offer management consulting services for the collections within them.

— Oliver Peterson



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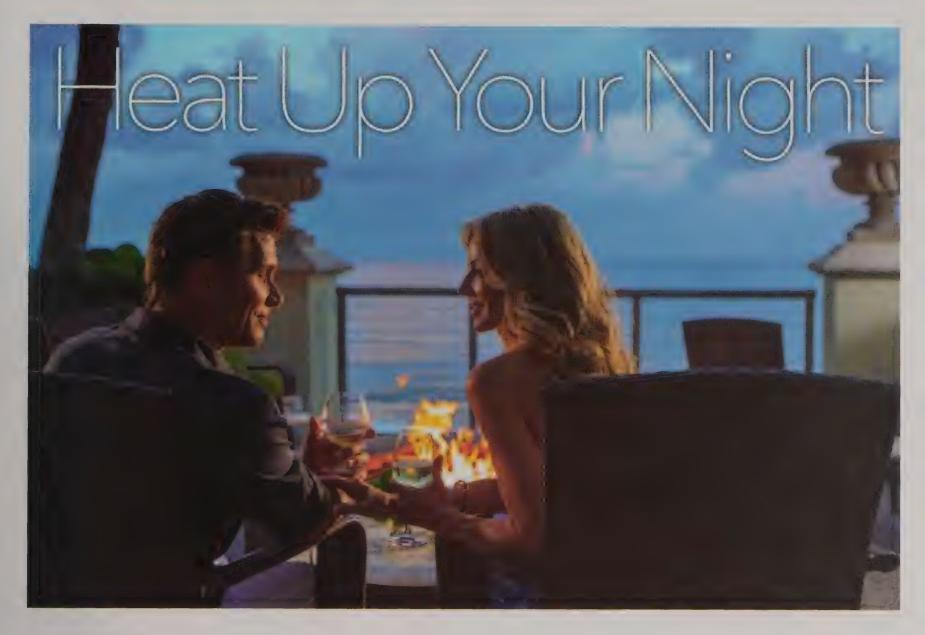




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HOW NEW LAWS AFFECT BUYERS, SELLERS, LANDLORDS AND TENANT

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Offer and Acceptance When your offer is accepted by the seller, you have no rights. Instead, within the State of New York, a seller is not bound to you until there is a fully executed contract of sale. So stop saying it wasn't right or unethical for the seller to keep showing the property to other buyers after they accepted your offer. You sound foolish. The only thing that wasn't right or ethical was your presumption that anyone owed you anything in the first place.

Credits on Purchase Stop asking for \$100 credits for defective property conditions (overgrown lawn, missing outlet cover, dirty pool). Get some perspective. You are buying a house worth hundreds of thousands to millions of dollars. Items of this scale need to be disregarded when making your purchasing decision. Yes, they come up in your home inspection report, but the focus of the report should be on big ticket items like the home's systems (boiler, AC, hot water tank) and its structure (roof, foundation, moisture levels), not these petty items. You need to ask yourself when attempting to renegotiate the purchase price: am I willing to kill this deal over this item? If not, get over it. If so, it's advisable to first get an estimate for the repair before demanding a reduced sales price.

SELLERS

Breach Fears Hurt Ears Your buyer is not going to breach the deal. Stop your panic attack. Yes, it's possible that they don't close the deal, but they are motivated to close by the down payment that your attorney is holding in escrow. Stop calling your broker every day and complaining that you feel like they are going to back out. This does nothing besides make everyone nuts. The best solution to your fears is to demand a high enough down payment in the first place. That number should be enough that you are happy to keep the money and relist the house should the buyer default. If it's not enough and that ship has sailed, then you need to stop demanding that the buyer meets every deadline (home inspection, clearing title, fixing structures, and closing date) and instead be as accommodating as possible, rather than annoying, to enable the buyer to close.

Selling Costs Money Incident to your sale, you may need to update your property into a sellable condition (updated survey, CO reflecting the existing structure, certificate of abandonment on oil tank). While you are likely angry about this fact, realize you can't sell your property without spending this money. Don't look at it as an extra cost of the sale, but instead a fundamental cost of ownership. Further, you probably should have been maintaining these issues throughout the course of your ownership.

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Leases Can't Waive Rights The State of New York provides many rights to tenants that are non-waivable regardless of the terms of a lease (such as right to assign / sublet, landlord's liability for negligence, receipts for rent, security deposits). When you get into a dispute with your landlord, simply reading the lease is not enough. Instead, you need to consult with an attorney to ascertain whether a lease provision is void as against public policy and you have a non-waivable right.

LANDLORDS

Brokers Should NOT Draft Your Lease Pursuant to what is known as the Duncan and Hill Standard, real estate brokers may not draft a lease. In fact, brokers who wrongfully draft a lease are violating license laws from the Department of State. Besides, why would any landlord with a brain want their real estate broker to draft a lease on a multimillion dollar property? Talk about being penny wise and dollar foolish. Any landlord who has been involved in an eviction proceeding will tell you that spending the money on an attorney, who has the legal capacity to draft a lease, is worth every penny.

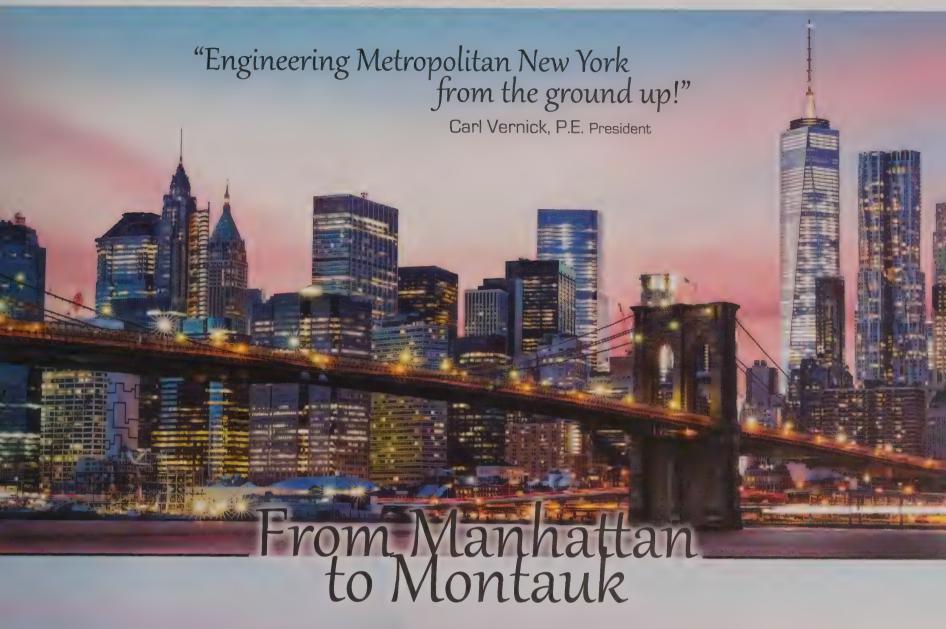
Stop Discriminating There is no reason whatsoever that you need to meet the prospective tenants or learn about their demographics besides a desire to stereotype and discriminate. Assuming you disagree, how are you planning on proving that you had a legitimate, non-discriminatory, business rationale (the defense standard for a Fair Housing violation) for obtaining the demographics? Instead, the best tenant for your property is the one who makes the best financial offer. Remember, you should utilize an attorney to draft your lease and s/he will have many suggestions, beyond base rent, to maximize your financial reward from the lease (pre-payment of rent, security deposit notices and inclusions, added rent, holdover provision, late payment penalties, bounced check penalties, and so on).

NEIGHBORS

Right of Way / Easement Just because you have a right of way or an easement over your neighbor's property (you have a dominant estate over your neighbor's servient estate) doesn't mean that you can do whatever you want on that property. More and more, disrespectful neighbors are getting sued for trespass when they overstep their dominant estate rights. Keep an open dialogue between neighbors concerning expectations on shared property (common driveway, docks). This is the best way to avoid court and payments to your litigation attorney.

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Roman now lives in East Hampton, summering in Sag Harbor, with his wife and daughter.

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What is the greatest part about your job? If you could snap your fingers and instantly have another career, what would be your dream job?

I have a dream job! I love that I can be very creative and that I can produce something that can be enjoyed and treasured by people. I love the seasonality of being a winemaker...there is never a dull moment. But if I could snap my fingers, I'd be a stained-glass maker!

BIM: What is your favorite wine that you produce?

RR: They are all my children—some are just smarter than the others! But if I had to pick, I would say our Grandioso Rosé, the Perle Chardonnay, the Grapes of Roth Merlot and the Christian Cuvée.

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What is your favorite wine produced by other people?

RR: I love Krug Champagne, and one day in the far future I want to die in Piemonte drinking Barolo.

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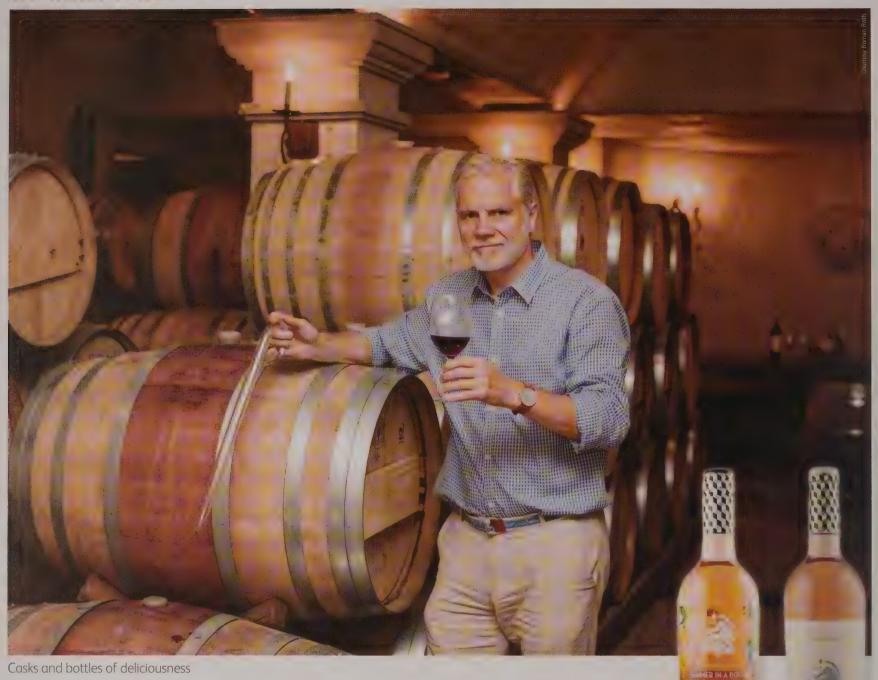




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What is something most people don't know about wine?

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What is your favorite restaurant in the Hamptons?

We are very blessed with a whole array of great restaurants out east, so I love to mix it up.

Of course, my favorite restaurant is one that supports and features the Wölffer wines as well as other Long Island wines. This is the key to building a great wine region. And I truly love Wölffer Kitchen Sag Harbor and Amagansett!

Which is your favorite season in the Hamptons?

I love them all: spring with the fresh air and wonderful flowers and smells; summer with the heat and the hustle and bustle of parties. Fall means all my energy is focused on making the new vintage, and winter brings the peace, the snow, the holidays.

Describe your perfect day on the East End.

Wake up on a sunny day and go jump in the pool. Then breakfast in our beautiful garden in the wonderful company of my daughter, Indira, and my wife, Dushy. Then I'd go for a quick bike ride to run some errands in Sag Harbor, go to the farmers market. Maybe I'd practice some golf for an hour at Poxabogue. Have sandwiches on the beach, go for a swim in the ocean. Followed by a nap! In the evening, I'd go to a dinner party at a friend's house.

Speaking of which, if you could have anyone at your Hamptons dinner party—dead or alive—who would you invite?

My parents, Neil DeGrasse Tyson, Benjamin Franklin and the Obamas.

— Laura Euler

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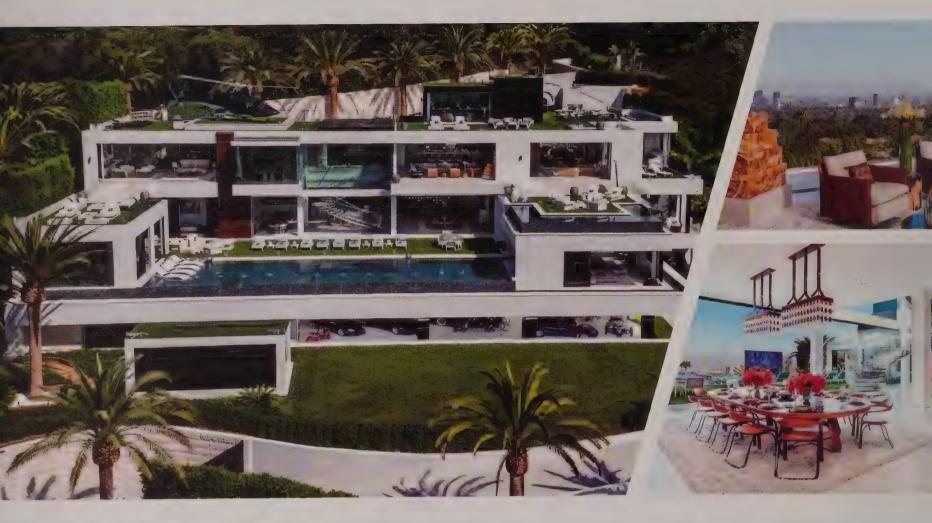
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Life Award at City of Hope's annual spring luncheon. Along with fellow South Forker Nicole Miller and Savannah Guthrie, Anderson will be honored for her pro-health efforts. City of Hope, based in Duarte, California, is an independent research and treatment

center for life-threatening diseases. The City of Hope luncheon takes place May 14 at the Plaza Hotel in New York City.

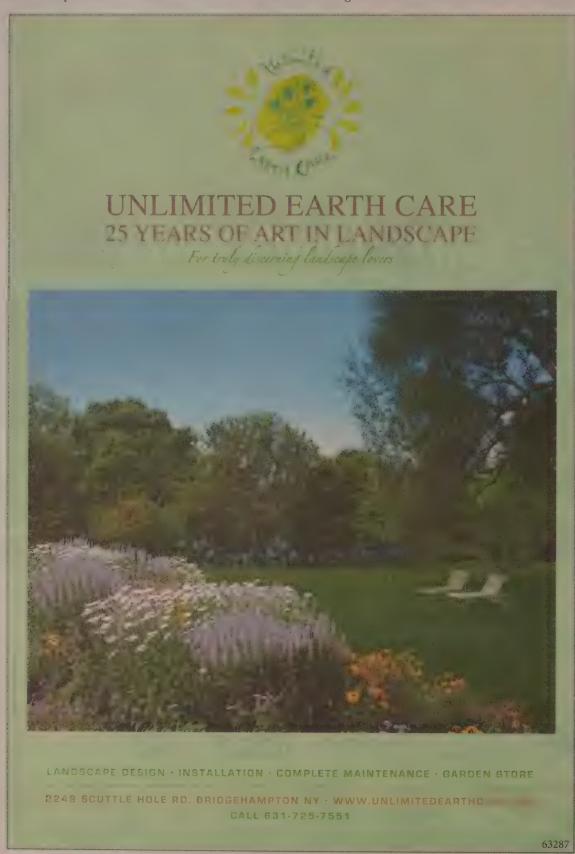
Foodie bites: East Hampton's Martha Stewart is joining the judges' table on next season's *Chopped*. In the popular Food Network series, four chefs make three-course meals using unexpected ingredients. The domestic diva will be one of three critics who assess the meal based on taste, presentation and creativity. And it's official, she still hates truffle oil. Just so you know. Many East Enders fondly remember Chef Mark Strausman's work at the '80s summer pop-up Sapore di Mare in Wainscott. Strausman has just come out with a cookbook titled *The Fred's at Barney's New York Cookbook*, about his longtime stint as the executive chef for

iconic department store Barney's. Strausman was inspired by his European training to be "local and seasonal" back in the day and this cookbook tells that delicious tale. See one of Strausman's seafood recipes on DansPapers. com. Bobby Flay recently made one 16-year-old's dream come true. Gaby Perez, an aspiring teen chef, thought she was going to work on a school project when she was surprised with a visit from Flay, who she'd longed to meet. The visit, arranged through MSG's Garden of Dreams Foundation, included a lesson on chicken wings, and an invitation for Perez to appear on Beat Bobby Flay.

Stony Brook University's 19th Annual Gala, held in New York last week, raised a record \$7.1 million to support the creative writing and film programs, led by honoree Dorothy Lichtenstein's \$5 million donation. And boy did the stars came out to celebrate this great lady: Alec Baldwin, Jane Pauley, Garry Trudeau. Roger Rosenblatt, Amy Hempel, Susan Minot, Melissa Bank, Cornelius Eady, Academy Award winning film producer Christine Vachon and IMAX CEO Rich Gelfond, among many other notables, paid tribute to the renowned art philanthropist at the event. Mercedes Ruehl said, "This film program is first class, competitive with Columbia and NYUC. And through it alone, Dorothy is leaving a large footprint on the culture of our times." Lichtenstein joined a distinguished roster of scholars, politicians, celebrities and luminaries who have been honored at the Gala including: Former Vice President Joseph Biden; Nobel laureate CN Yang; actors Julie Andrews, Alan Alda and Ed Harris; Renaissance Technologies founder James Simons; CA Technologies founder Charles Wang; IMAX CEO Richard Gelfond '76; and world-renowned conservationists Richard Leakey and Patricia Wright. The impact of Stony Brook Southampton programs is reflected in the accomplishments of its alumni in publishing, filmmaking, playwriting and academia, including New York Times bestselling author Helen Simonson '08, James Hearst Poetry Prize winner Jordan Franklin '17, Stony Brook Assistant Professor in Writing and Rhetoric, poet Michelle Whittaker '11, and Women in Film and Video: New England Grand Prize winner Tracy M. King-Sanchez '12.

Hamptons businessman Ronald Perelman will be honored at the Gordon Parks Foundation Awards Dinner and Auction on May 22 at Cipriani in New York. Along with filmmaker Ava DuVernay, photographer Sally Mann and others, the philanthropist will be recognized for his support of the visual and performing arts.

Guild Hall in East Hampton has announced its inaugural Guitar Masters Festival, a three-day gathering of world-class concerts, exceptional musicianship, documentary films and book signings July 5–7. Festival performers will include Andy Summers, Ralph Gibson, G.E. Smith, Richard Thompson, Teddy Thompson, David Broza and Badi Assad.









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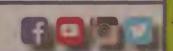
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The Westhampton Beach Elementary School Odyssey of the Mind Team is heading to the World Finals in Iowa next month. The fifth graders won first place at the national competition on April 1. The team, led by coach Katherine Haack, earned the top spot by using their creativity, problem-solving abilities and acting skills to form long-term solutions to problems created by competition organizers. The team is comprised of Cole Dawson, Maya Farnan, Lily Graves, Fahtima Iqbal, Jaime Kelly, James Monserrate and Lilly Pereyra. Congrats!

International scientific journal, Toxics, has published an article on research conducted by Hampton Bays High School science research student Caroline Oakland. "This is a huge accomplishment," says Hampton Bays science research teacher Dr. Stephanie Forsberg. "Authors in this journal are typically adult, Ph.D. researchers in the field." In the article, Oakland discusses the research she conducted over the past four years with the assistance of her mentor, Dr. Jaymie Meliker of Stony Brook University. The research explores county-level radon and incidents of female thyroid cancer in Iowa, New Jersey and Wisconsin.

Where they dine: At press time, tickets to the July 7 Chefs of the North Fork Hosted by the Halyard at Soundview Greenport were selling quickly. The event will honor North Fork Table & Inn (NFTI) owner, cookbook author and James Beard Award-winning chef Claudia Fleming. As she says, "To be honored by one's own peers and community is beyond flattering and definitely unexpected! Hopefully, the honor brings with it a recognition of this amazing region and all who work so hard to make it as rich a culinary destination as it is. Throughout my career, I've been fortunate to be a part of many dinners honoring chefs. There's simply nothing better than getting a group of chefs together to honor one of their own. The camaraderie, generosity of spirit and energy are something to behold. To be on the receiving end leaves me feeling grateful to be a part of this awesome community of passionate and dedicated people!" Be sure to order your tickets today at DansTasteofSummer. com so you don't miss out on this once-in-alifetime wine-pairing extravaganza. Spring Long Island Restaurant Week returns April 22-29. Participating restaurants offer a \$28.95 threecourse prix fixe all night, except Saturday when it may be offered until 7 p.m.

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This Week's Cover Artist: Scott Hewett

BY BRIAN CUDZILO



Scott Hewett is originally from Massachusetts, but moved to the East End in in 1998 in order to pursue his art career. "It's a truly remarkable place for an artist to live," he says, particularly noting the East End's famous light. "The light is unique, especially

the glow in the early evening, approximately 6 to 8 p.m., in the summer. I believe it's due to the surrounding salt water, and this combination of salt and light projects a wonderful glistening backdrop." Hewett is also an avid athlete and sports fan—he even had a stint designing some of the most iconic sneakers endorsed by NBA Hall of Famers. And when asked for a bold prediction regarding the recently begun baseball season, Hewett says "Let's just say I'm from Boston, so you can probably guess who I favor." What was the inspiration for this cover piece?

I was inspired to paint the Ball jars with pinwheels because I'm particularly fond of old objects. I wanted to tackle a still life that screamed Americana. I knew it would be a challenge to paint the intricacies of glassware combined with the reflective pinwheels.

Where do you find "East End inspiration?"

Everywhere from the water and fields to the woods. My favorite place to see the vast landscape is Montauk. It has a vibe like no other. It's one place in the Hamptons where you feel small.

Your website notes that you teach private art classes. Why do you think it's important to expose young children to art?

I really enjoy teaching students of all ages. I find great satisfaction in seeing their journey and creative development. The younger students don't have any inhibitions and they tend to get right into the process of mixing and composition. Art is ageless, anyone can learn at any time in his or her life. It helps to have a good mentor.

How did you get into shoe design?

I stumbled into the shoe business. My roommate at the Massachusetts College of Art was working at the Stride Rite Corporation as an intern and they were looking for additional help designing. I interviewed and was hired on the spot. After several weeks, and on the verge of graduating, they offered me a full-time position for a whopping \$18,000. I was elated and thought to myself, I'm rich! I was so happy to be an employed artist! I later was hired at Reebok where I designed for Allen Iverson, Shaquille O'Neal and Greg Norman, to name a few. It was so cool to hang with some of the most prominent star athletes.

Where's the most unusual place your work has appeared?

I can't recall an unusual place my artwork has been displayed, but I have painted some unusual subjects. One is a Wish-Bone Italian



Artist Scott Hewitt in his studio with other works

Salad Dressing bottle. My client is obsessed with the dressing.

If you could sit down to coffee with any artist from history, who would it be and what would you talk about?

I think Salvador Dali. When I was in high school I really got into Surrealism, so who better to vibe off of than Dali!? His work is so amazing—the compositions, off-the-wall concepts and especially the technique and craft of his process. I like eccentric people. They always make for an interesting conversation. I wouldn't ask him many questions, rather just listen to what he had to say.

See more of Hewett's work at the White Room Gallery at 2415 Main Street in Bridgehampton and at scotthewettfineart.com.

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New Works Title Wave Washes Over Bay Street

BY DAVID TAYLOR

ay Street Theater is giving East Enders the chance to contribute to the creative process of playwriting. The tiniest script details can determine whether a play will be a huge success or fade into obscurity, and rewrites are frequent to ensure that the finished work will appeal to the greatest number of people, remaining relevant for years to come.

Title Wave at Bay Street: The 5th Annual New Works Festival places artists and audience members on a level playing field, where the development of the next big show becomes a free community event. The three-day festival features readings of new plays curated by Bay Street's Artistic Director Scott Schwartz, Associate Artistic Director Will Pomerantz and their Patron's Council. Over the past year, the curators have carefully sorted through hundreds of scripts from around the world and put together a festival that has a broad range of work, subject matter and style to create an experience that's rich and lively.

Professional actors read each of the four plays in its entirety, accompanied by as little stage direction as possible. This year features Academy Awardwinning actress Estelle Parsons, known for six decades of roles in Broadway productions, films and television shows, most recently as Beverly Harris in the *Roseanne* reboot. At the festival she will read the lead character of *The Prompter*.

All readings are followed by a talkback session during which audience members will have the chance

to share their reactions, ask the playwright questions and offer suggestions to improve the work. Schwartz confirms that audience feedback really does matter; he's seen a few plays rewritten after New Works readings. He says, "It's a very different experience for a playwright to see their work live, rather than on a page. The audience teaches so much more."

The New Works Festival begins on May 4 with a folk-rock adaption of the Greek tragedy *Medea* at 8 p.m. This rendition is written by The Kilbanes, a theatrical rock band led by married songwriters Kate Kilbane and Dan Moses, who seek to take the sensational story of a vengeful wife who kills her sons and find the hidden truth behind the fake news. Reggie D. White directs the musical reading using two actors, a four-piece band and a full score.

Immediately after the *Medea* talkback, there will be an exciting opening night party open to the public. No ticket is needed to attend the party, so those who can't make it to the reading should arrive at the theater at 10 p.m.

Saturday, May 5 features two readings: A Seagull in the Harbor at 2 p.m. and The Prompter at 8 p.m. The former is a localized retelling of Russian dramatist Anton Chekhov's The Seagull, now taking place in Sag Harbor's historically diverse Eastville community. Playwright Emily Mann challenges the audience.



Check out the Kilbanes' work May 4

to think about the blending of ethnicities and cultures in Sag Harbor. This version caught the eye of Stephen Hamilton, co-founder and former Executive Director of Bay Street, who has chosen to direct it for the New Works Festival.

The Prompter follows veteran actress Irene Young, who is returning to the Broadway stage

after a 40-year absence. Unfortunately, she can't remember her lines, so the production hires a young actor to be her prompter. Wade Dooley's work offers a behind-the-scenes look at the journey from the first rehearsal to Broadway. While Schwartz doesn't have a favorite play in the New Works lineup, he's excited about directing a work with such "delicious characters."

The final work, *Eight Nights*, will be read on May 6 at 3 p.m. Native Long Islander Jennifer Maisel's script tells the story of a young, female Holocaust survivor who finds refuge with an African American family. Each of the play's eight scenes, directed by Pomerantz, takes place on a different night of Hanukkah, spread out between 1949 and 2016.

The 5th Annual New Works Festival takes place May 4–6 at Bay Street Theater in Sag Harbor. Admission is free of charge, but tickets must be reserved, as these events sell out. For tickets visit baystreet.org.





Saving Sin City by Mary Cummings Satisfies

BY SARAH STOSS

ocal journalist Mary Cummings's retelling of a scandal that took place in early 20th century New York City is provocative and enthralling. Cummings is a historian as well as a writer and her work has been recognized by the New York Press Association. She is also the author of three books on local history. Now, Cummings is focusing on a crime that's known as one of the most shocking in American history in her book Saving Sin City.

Though the crime at the center of the book took place over 100 years ago, the story still feels relevant in the way Cummings brings in the backstory that leads to the murder of a prominent architect. In many ways the tale is timeless: a love triangle turned deadly, filled with greed and envy, beautiful women and powerful men. But it's the politics behind the different players involved in the crime that reminds the readers of stories we hear on the news in the present day.

A bit of history, with all the drama and scandal...a love triangle turned deadly, filled with greed and envy.

This book is dense. There's a lot of backstory and the plot doesn't pick up until about midway in. But Cummings's writing is clear and the narrative flows well as she brings in quotes from newspapers and other sources, though it's difficult to stay within the world of the book when legal jargon is used. We begin in the year 1901 and end in 1908.

Evelyn Nesbit and Stanford White's relationship is disturbing and difficult to read about, but it's the most interesting plot point up until the murder of Stanford White. White was a prominent architect (you can still see some of his designs on the

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East End today) who was once involved with his murderer's wife. White is a complex character who is easy to hate. He has a Weinstein quality about him. White rapes 16-year-old Evelyn Nesbit after her mother goes out of town, having left Nesbit in his care. Nesbit, whose family is poor and for whom

she is the sole provider, is at first traumatized by the sexual assault but then is forced to evaluate the consequences of turning a man like White away. White ends up taking care of Nesbit's family financially, and Nesbit becomes his lover.

In the story that builds to the murder of White by Nesbit's husband Harry K. Thaw, we also learn about the man who will prosecute the case. A moral man with an activist past, William Travers Jerome is not afraid to fight the wealthy and corrupt to get justice for those who deserve it. He's ambitious and righteous; an easy character to sympathize with. His presence adds a new dimension to a story that otherwise may read like a soap opera. Jerome's history helps shed light on the complicated social issues that underline the tensions that lead to this violent act. In addition to Jerome's background, we get a look into Thaw's, He, like his victim, White, is an

easy character to hate and becomes obsessed with Nesbit, eventually making her his wife.

Cummings tells this story so that it feels relevant to issues currently at play in society. From the sexual assault against Nesbit, to the corrupt officials in government and the neglect of the poor, it isn't hard to see how what happened during this period has resonance in the 21st century. This novel is filled with interesting characters; they aren't simply good or evil. Their past experiences, which Cummings explores, explain how they became who they are when the murder of White occurs and help the reader to stay invested in the story. If you enjoy a bit of history, with all the drama and scandal that comes in a work of fiction, Saving Sin City satisfies.

Mary Cummings's latest book Saving Sin City is available now from your local, independent bookstore.

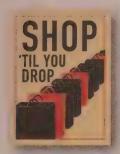


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Now's a great time to familiarize yourself with a bike, what with all the traffic on its way. Come summer you can beat traffic, get in a workout and sightsee all on your way to your destination with a bike. We don't recommend doing it in party dresses, tuxedos or heels, but biking to a swanky Hamptons summer party would be one way to grab attention. If you're in need of new wheels, visit Rotations Bicycle Center in Southampton. They've been around more than three decades and know what's what. They have quite a selection of bikes (road, mountain, multi-speed, one speed, you name it), parts, clothing, accessories, and car racks. They also do service and repairs and have rentals. 32 Windmill Lane, Southampton. 631-283-2890, rotationsbicyclecenter.com.

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Walk the Walk, Hike the Hamptons Hike

BY P. W. SMYTHE

"Only ideas won while walking have any value." -Friedrich Nietzsche

ccording to the Mayo Clinic, the health benefits A of walking are plentiful and include maintaining a healthy weight, preventing or managing various conditions—including heart disease, high blood pressure and type 2 diabetes— and increasing and improving bone and muscle strength, mood, balance and coordination. Getting a good walk can also do wonders for the walker's mental health. Walking has proven to improve self-perception and self-esteem, mood and sleep quality, and to reduce stress, anxiety and fatigue. It also clears the head, working out and clearing old ideas and making way for new ones. Any time not spent in front of the blue light of computer, television or smartphone screens is time well spent. And, yes, the East End has lots of places one can go to have a good walk.

The East Hampton Trails Preservation Society (EHTPS) maintains a series of trails throughout East Hampton Town. Perhaps the most remote and interesting is a three-mile self-guided tour through the abandoned Northwest Settlement know affectionately as the East Hampton Ghost Town. According to Lee Dion's write-up of the Ghost Town on the EHTPS website, East Hampton Town records of 1653 speak of, "A cartway to ye Northwest meddow," which settlers followed in order to gather salt, hay and seaweed that was used for insulation, fertilizer and cattle bedding. Northwest eventually became East Hampton's earliest port and the first merchant ship landed there, from Boston, in 1665. By the time the 18th century rolled around, the area contained 15 large farms, a mill, wharves,

warehouses, a pest house (a shelter for those with contagious diseases), a fish factory, a sawmill and, according to the trustee journals, a shipbuilding enterprise. A public school operated in the area from 1792 until 1885. According to Dion. Northwest Harbor flourished from 1653 until 1761 and lasted until 1885. There are 15 points of interest on this hike, including the former property of obstinate Irishman Josiah Kirk who sued the Town Quality time, one step at a time... over seaweed rights. He won

the case, but it cost him everything he owned and he died destitute at an almshouse in Yaphank. Other highlights include sweeping water views, one with Cedar Point Lighthouse in the background and another with Barcelona Neck in the background and Sag Harbor barely visible in the distance. If you're going to take this walk, bring enough water to keep you hydrated and visit ehtps.org/lost-ghost-town/ to download a map, guide, and Dion's history of

For a more somber walking spot, and someplace to escape the coming summer crowds if need be, visit Oakland Cemetery in Sag Harbor. Founded in 1840, Oakland currently sits on 26 acres and is the permanent resting place of over 4,000 people, including more 18th- and 19th-century sea captains than in any other Long Island cemetery. Among the treasures in Oakland is the Broken Mast Monument, which commemorates all the whalers "Who periled their lives in a daring profession and perished in actual encounter with the monsters of the deep."



The long, mostly flat rows offer a quiet place to reflect while paying your respects to some members of the oldest families on the East End and many other historically significant individuals. Writers Nelson Algren, William Gaddis, Spalding Gray, Prentice Mulford and James Salter are all buried there. So are local astronomer, clockmaker, scientist and bookbinder Ephraim Byrum (whose historic house is next door), founder of the New York Ballet, George Balanchine, U.S. diplomat Richard Holbrooke,

artists Hans Namuth, Val Telberg and so many more.

For a bit of a more touristy, sightseeing-and perhaps more strenuous—walk head out to Montauk Point before the traffic doubles your travel time. A great walk starts just north of the Montauk Point Lighthouse. There's a dirt path that leads down to the beach. Once you're down at the water, relax, take a deep breath and soak up the view. Following your moment of zen, head for the rocks to the east. They look dangerous, sure, but they're safe, so long as you're careful and mindful of your steps. If you follow the rocks all the way around the lighthouse, not only will you be at the easternmost bit of land in New York State, you'll also find another beach on the other side. Here, you can find a series of trails that will take you into Camp Hero State Park, where you'll find, arguably, the most scenic spot in all the Hamptons, the Bluff Lookout.

For more ideas about things to do outside visit DansPapers.com.

Hamptons Happenings »»»

Have a look at just some of the fun events happening in the Hamptons and on the North Fork this week.

CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

The Mind's Ear: An Author's Journey Into Classical Music

When: April 27, 5:30 p.m.

Where: Dilberto Winery, 250 Manor Lane,

Jamesport

What: Gracie Award-winning radio host Lauren Rico discusses the use of music throughout her four books using musical examples and excerpted readings. Free, but registration is required. Contact: 631-727-3228, riverheadlibrary.org

PINK RIBBON POWER

20th Anniversary Pink Pearl Gala

When: April 27, 6 p.m.

Where: East Wind, 5720 Route 25A, Wading River What: The North Fork Breast Health Coalition (NFBHC) hosts a cocktail reception, dinner and dancing to celebrate breast cancer survivors, health care providers, caregivers and NFBHC supporters. \$125, breast cancer survivors \$95.

Contact: 631-208-8889, northforkbreasthealth.org

STRONG WOMEN

Encore Performances of The Vagina Monologues

When: April 28, 2 & 7 p.m.

Where: Southampton Arts Center, 25 Jobs Lane,

Southampton

What: SAC presents The Vagina Monologues benefitting The Retreat's domestic abuse counseling, legal advocacy and 24-hour bilingual hotline. \$15, seniors \$12, students \$10.

Contact: 631-283-0967, southamptonartscenter.org See related story on page 26.

Kid Stuff »»»

Enrich your kids' lives with these great events on the East End.

DO YOU BELIEVE?

The Miracle Worker

When: April 27, 7 p.m.

Where: Southampton Cultural Center, 25 Pond

Lane. Southampton

What: Boots on the Ground Theater presents William Gibson's play based on the biography of Helen Keller. \$20, students under 21 \$5.

Contact: 631-287-4377, scc-arts.org

IT'S A BIRD, IT'S A PLANE

Let's Make Kites: The Four Forces of Flight

When: April 29, 10:30 a.m.

Where: South Fork Natural History Museum,

Bridgehampton

What: Melanie Meade, SoFo Environmental Educator, teaches students about the forces of flight and how they work with kites. Each student builds a kite. \$15, kids 8-12 \$10.

Contact: 631-537-9735, sofo.org

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CMEE Feria

When: April 29, 11 a.m.

Where: Children's Museum of the East End, 376 Bridgehampton/Sag Harbor Turnpike,

Bridgehampton

What: This is a celebration of East End Latino culture, featuring traditional cuisine, music, art, and fun for the entire family. Free. Contact: 631-537-8250, cmee.org

CREATING SAFE SPACES

22nd Annual Long Island LGBT Conference

When: May 1, 8:30 a.m.

Where: Stony Brook University's Charles B. Wang

Center, 100 Nicolls Road, Stony Brook

What: The LGBT Network invites students, educators, business pros and other community members to attend a day of classes meant to educate, empower and address the needs of LGBT

people in Long Island schools and communities. \$50, seniors & college students \$25, K-12 \$20. Contact: 631-665-2300, lgbtnetwork.org

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HOUSE & HOME

COMPOST Everything has a place.

The Simple Poop on Compost

BY JEANELLE MYERS



The absolute best fertilizer for your gardens is compost. At one time, I had the facility to make a lot of compost for a private garden I took care of full-time. I could make enough for the flower and vegetable gardens. It was all I added to them and they flourished. The compost also acted as a mulch, decreasing

weed growth to almost none and there was even minimal black spot on the roses.

To make the compost, I used leaves from the property, which I shredded, green plant debris and the bedding from the chickens I raised for the family that employed me. I knew the chickens were fed no antibiotics or hormones so their bedding was perfect for the compost pile.

Oh, to have a similar situation for composting! In the spring, when I'm cleaning flower gardens and prepping vegetable gardens for clients, I would love to have that compost. It was rich and yummy and I knew exactly what was in it.

I do make compost at my house. I have a home composter. It's a plastic container with the appropriate doors and lids and holes for air. I have plenty of shredded leaves that I keep on hand to mix with vegetable scraps, eggshells and coffee grounds from my kitchen. I get enough compost for two large beds each year. And, I just bought a tool to easily mix the "pile" so it will degrade more quickly.

Using this composter is very easy and lets me utilize my plant waste to feed some of my garden. I keep a container in the bottom of my fridge for scraps and take it outside when it's full; throw it in and add some leaves.



It's all good—everything old is new again.

Some basic rules for making compost: mix greens (grass clippings, household plant waste, eggshells, coffee grounds, tea bags) and browns (leaves which can be shredded or not, hay, shredded paper (no colored ink), and shredded cardboard) in layers with a ratio of 3 browns to 1 green. The optimal size for a pile is one cubic yard. Keep it as moist as a damp sponge. Turn or stir once a month to keep it aerated. Doing these things will cause the materials to break down and keep the pile sweet-smelling!

Do not add animal products like meat or fish scraps, dairy products, or bones. They do not break down well, they also rot and draw animals.

You will know when your compost is ready—it will smell like sweet soil. It might still have

some chunks in it, but that's alright.

Many recipes for compost recommend adding manure. I never do that. In fact, I don't put manure, or any other animal products, on any gardens I work in, if at all possible. I have not found any information that assures me that the antibiotics or hormones in manure from animals raised for consumption are not absorbed by plants—some sources say they are. Manure from a farm that does not use these additives would be pure gold.

In the absence of my own compost, I use bagged compost, choosing the ones with

the ingredients that I can live with.

I have only hit the high spots in the world of composting—I encourage you to set up a composting situation at your house. If nothing else, it lets you dispose of your kitchen scraps in a productive way. There are many types of composters available and various video demos and information online.

Jeanelle Myers is a professional gardener, landscaper and consultant. For gardening discussion you can call her at 631-434-5067. See some of her work at jeanellemyersfinegardening.com.



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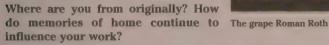
Where to rave while dining out.

Roman Roth Has Seen, and Tasted, It All!

BY STACY DERMONT

W ölffer Estate Vineyards is famous for many things—the high quality of its award-winning wines, its gorgeous tasting room, it's tremendously

popular wine stand, its early foray into rosé, its South American wines, its restaurants, and the list goes on. Winemaker and partner Roman Roth was there at the beginning with founder Christian Wölffer, and Roth now works with Wölffer's children to maintain and expand what has become known—and celebrated—as the Wölffer lifestyle. Meet Roth at Dan's Rosé Soirée presented by Porsche on May 27 in Southampton.



I'm from Rottweil, Germany, on the edge of the Black Forest region. I grew up in a wonderful winemaking and wine merchant family. There was a great love for wine and a very strong work ethic with lots of marketing events. I still draw from those first experiences.

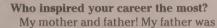
What's your earliest wine-related memory?

I was maybe 6 or 7 years old and was selling wine in our retail store. To any customer I would push the Rosenthaler Kadarka—it was a Bulgarian red wine that was sweet and that is why I liked it!

How does living on the East End inform your winemaking?

We have a wonderful restaurant scene on the East End. Perfect to match our food-friendly wines with our local cuisine (especially the seafood). I'm

part of a wine club since 2002 called The Luna Wine Club (Lunatics) that meets once a month and tastes the best wines from around the world. In addition to being the winemaker at Wölffer, I also select the wines for the wine list for Wölffer Kitchen Sag Harbor and Amagansett. As a result, I critically taste lots of wines from Long Island and the rest of the world—it keeps me from getting "cellar blind," just tasting only my own wine.



a winemaker and a cooper and a distiller, and had good technical knowledge, was very pragmatic and loved dry Rieslings and red wine. My mother was a fantastic cook and loved anything that was special and, above all, she loved people. Every day at 11 a.m. she opened a bottle of Champagne (for 80 years that was her only medicine!). She had a wonderful wine collection and was always happy to share her treasures! Her hobby was to go to the finest restaurants in Germany/Austria/Switzerland and Alsace, and I was very lucky to be her companion on many of these outings.

What is it about rosé that has so captured the imagination here on the East End?

At Wölffer Estate we have made a dry rosé since 1992, and we always have taken this wine seriously and made a big effort to make a quality wine, and for marketing this category of wine. The wine is food-friendly, lighter (less alcohol), very versatile and additionally, the color makes you feel good. People who have traveled to the south of France have always had a love for rosé, and that feeling is now sweeping the nation.

What's the best quote or saying you have ever heard about wine?

Solang Du mit Wein nicht sparst, Du viele Freunde um Dich scharst doch geht's mit Deinem Wein zu End, kaum einer bleibt, der Dich noch kennt. (You will have many friends, as long you freely share your wine. But when you will run out of it not many will remain.)

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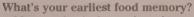
Feel the Love with Saaz's Mohan at Rosé Soirée

BY STACY DERMONT

hen Saaz Indian Cuisine owner Sameer Mohan talks about his work, "love" is a word that comes up often. And the love is mutual—when

Saaz opened on Southampton's stretch of County Road 39 in 2014, the South Fork breathed a sigh of relief—a full-service Indian restaurant here! At last! Ahh. You'll find Mohan working there almost every day, often alongside his beautiful wife Sonia. Their lunch buffet is particularly popular-you can also meet this remarkable food professional and taste some of his restaurant's food at Dan's Rosé Soirée Presented by Porsche, the official kickoff to Sameer Mohan oversees every foodie detail summer, on Sunday, May 27. Did

we mention that Saaz offers local wines from Wölffer Estate Vineyard and Channing Daughters Winery year round? *Ahh*.



My grandma's love of cooking and her feeding me a yogurt-based curry called kadhi, with rice, and my uncle making a salad. And my mom making the roti bread.

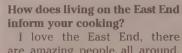
Where are you from originally? How do memories of home continue to influence your work?

I was born and brought up in New Delhi. I remember walking into the house after school and trying to guess what was cooked for lunch by just smelling the flavors....usually my younger brother won, though....

sitting together at the dinner table being served by grandpa and grandma, along with our uncles and parents, with a lot of love and care.

So I take that visual and try to recreate that environment of happiness by serving a symphony

of spices.



are amazing people all around. Our business is progressing beautifully—people try it and give it a chance and return.

What has inspired your career the most?

I got into it accidentally—but once I did, I loved the feeling of serving and being able to put a smile on others' faces, not just

food-wise but also sometimes listening to them and maybe helping in some small way—just an absolutely humbling and a very emotionally uplifting feeling—so, therefore, a very selfish impulse.

What's your favorite celebrity dining memory?

I love Alan Alda and his beautiful wife Arlene for their humility. And he's a person I love because one of the first shows I started watching, when I came over to this side of the ocean, was called *M*A*S*H*.

What's your favorite dish to prepare?

Cheese ravioli for my kids...because I love their reaction. Also, yellow dal (lentils) for myself or mashed turnips—I love the simple flavors that take me back to childhood memories

Which Long Island wines are you drinking?

Wölffer Estate Vineyard's cabernet sauvignon and Channing Daughters Winery's chardonnay—nice wine makes it a great meal.

What approach do you refuse to use?

Fusion cooking....why fuse two different and amazing cuisines?

What's the most important thing to teach the next generation of diners?

Simplify flavors, enjoy the moments and create memories.

What dish do you like to prepare for vegans?

Aloo gobhi—potatoes and cauliflower—simple and healthy ingredients.

What beverage do you pair it with?

Mango juice.

When did you begin to truly appreciate wine?

I've always been a Scotch drinker, but a few years back I started drinking wine and I'm still learning its beautiful notes.

What's your favorite beverage to take on a picnic? Beer or sparkling wine.

What's your favorite thing about Dan's Taste of Summer events?

The sense of joy, curiosity and the energy that can be felt from the crowds. The East End is full of amazing chefs, kitchens and restaurants...along with some amazing people who are very proud to be here. And it's a place that can bring in all sorts of people and make them one.

Chocology Unlimited and...Fat Ass Fudge Delight

BY KENDRA SOMMERS

inda Johnson is one busy lady. She's the owner of the colorfully named Fat Ass Fudge and founder of the equally tasty Chocology Unlimited, based in Port Jefferson. So she oversees the making and distribution of a wide range of sweets daily and she's opening a shop in Stony Brook this fall. But she's taking the time to come east this summer—you can meet her and sample her goods at Dan's Taste of Summer events including Dan's Rosé Soirée presented by Porsche on May 27 in Southampton; GrillHampton on July 20 and Taste of Two Forks presented by Farrell Building Company on July 21, both at Fairview Farm in Bridgehampton; and at MonTaco on August 4 in Montauk.

Which Long Island wines are you drinking? Because we do so many chocolate and wine pairings, we drink a lot of wine in our home. It's a tough job, but someone has to do it! Just to name a few: Raphael's Portico, it's got a nice, little chocolate flavor; Baiting Hollow Vineyard's White Satin; Wölffer Estate Vineyards' Summer in a Bottle Rosé; Macari Vineyards' Early Wine, we love pairing it with spicy Indian dinners. Martha Clara Vineyards' Northern Solstice—our White Chocolate Raspberry Bliss pairs well with this dry rosé. Wine and chocolate? Can it get any better than that?

What piece of equipment do you most celebrate?

My 3D Chocolate Printer is an amazing new addition to the Chocology team. Our products are no longer limited by technical ability—the limit of our chocolate is now bound by our creativity alone. We can hardly wait to show off the Dan's logo we've programmed.



Where are you from originally? How do memories of home continue to influence your work?

We believe anywhere we are is home. We've lived in Europe, San Francisco, Arizona, Maine, New York and New Jersey, so we enjoy experimenting with foods from all over the globe, and love pairing different combinations. Last week we had so much fun pairing Champagne with all different foods.

What person or what moment has inspired your career the most?

I'd love to say I've dreamed of becoming a chocolatier since I was a babe. I'm afraid my story is a bit more meandering than that, though. While I was pondering about what I wanted to do for the rest of forever...what surfaced for me over and over again were my love of family, travel and volunteer work. I was doing these things to some degree, but my heart was yearning for more. Could I take these desires and maximize them to create the life that I was yearning for? In 2011, I packed my daughter Madeline up in the car and we traveled crosscountry to meet and interview people who inspired us. We met authors, philanthropists, and others who had made a positive impact on our lives. I still didn't know what I wanted to do "when I grew up" but I was open and willing for something to be revealed. I love bringing joy to others. Madeline loves chocolate and so do I. Heck, doesn't everyone? Let's start a chocolate company. We operate Chocology just as we operate our personal lives. Our vision is RED: putting our focus on Relationships, Education and Distinct products. All of these qualities arise from the gratitude we have for our customers and vendors. While the bottom line is important, when we put our focus on giving, the bottom line takes care of itself.

What's the most unusual combination you've made?

cHarissa is an award-winning Moroccan seasoning—we added some to our award-winning Fat Ass Fudge. It's divine—chocolate with a kick!

What's your favorite thing about Dan's Taste of Summer events?

I love seeing people smile, and everyone LOVES chocolate! It's such a blessing to have the opportunity to work with people who are happy and enjoying themselves. People are happy when we talk chocolate and this makes me happy as well. Madeline always says, "We meet the best people!" and she's right. We are fortunate to cross paths with people in their finest moments.

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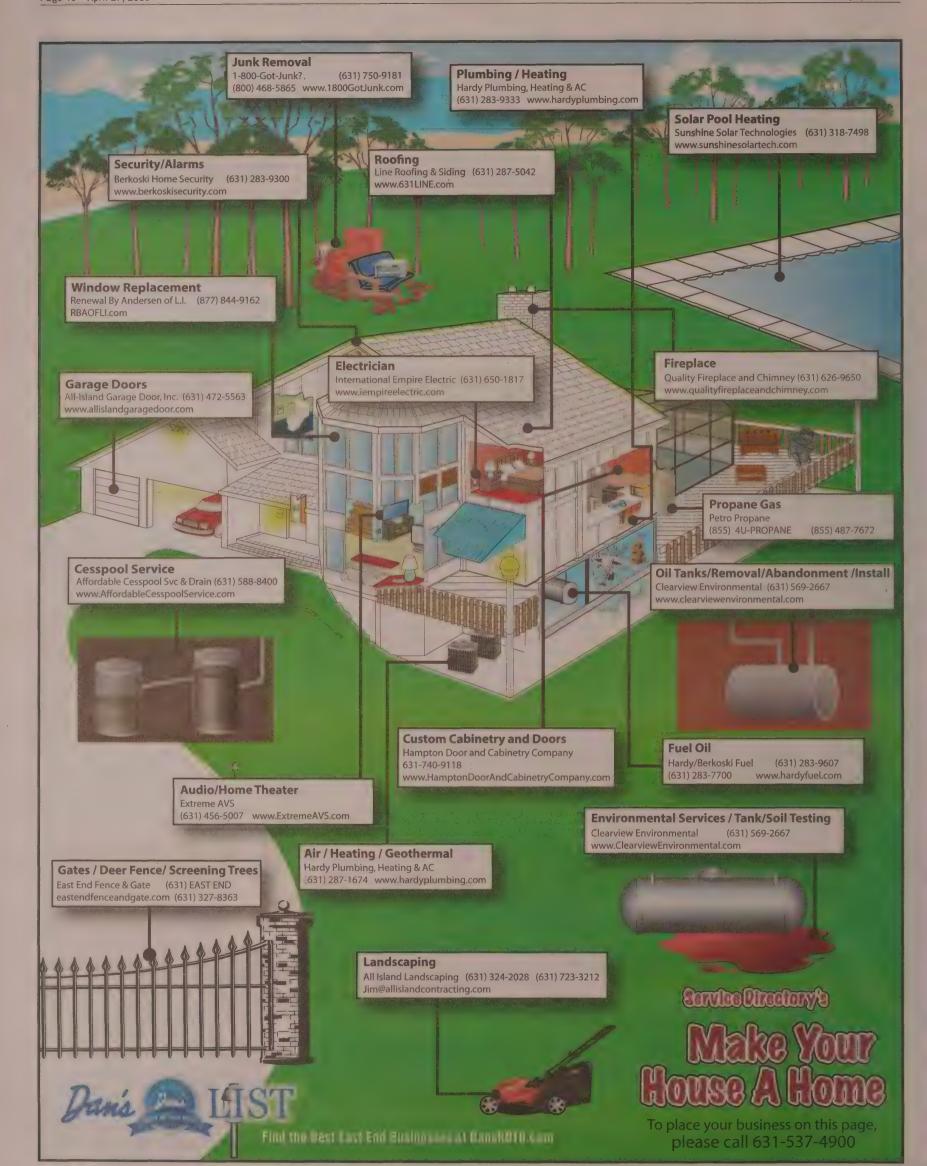
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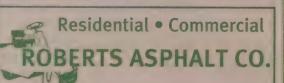
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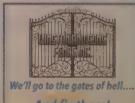
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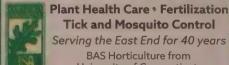
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The house was built in 2006, designed by architect James Biber, and has won many awards. There

are 5,500 square feet of space in the main house, which boasts four bedrooms and six baths; there's also a 2,400-square-foot guest house with two bedrooms and one bath. Other features include a rooftop deck, wraparound terraces, a custom skylighted gym, a funky screening room, and a wine cellar.

The house was first put on the market back in 2007 asking \$35 million. Over the next few years the price was gradually chopped down to \$19.9 million, until 2013 when telecom executive Michael Hirtenstein snapped the place up at the bargain price of \$13 million. The previous owners had to sell when they lost all their money in the Madoff fraud; Madoff had been a near neighbor of theirs.

And, interestingly, the Madoff house also just entered the market, also listed at \$21 million.

With acres on Old Montauk Highway running about \$7 million each, this place seems extremely well-priced. The only issue is that the house might not appeal to everyone; we think it would be a shame to tear it down, though.

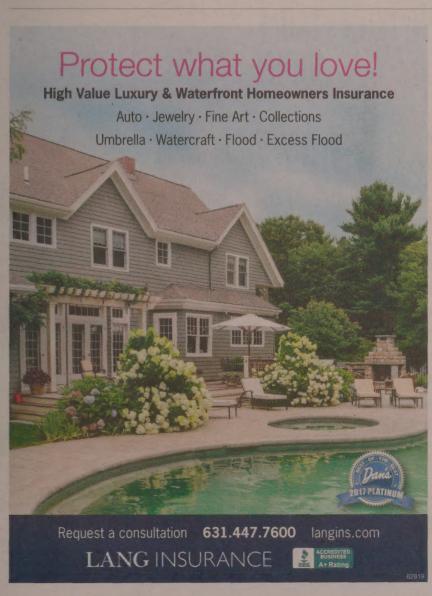
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